

**TEXAS LEGAL LEGEND: CHIEF JUSTICE CAROLYN WRIGHT**  
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At 10:00 a.m. on June 21, 2018, the Litigation Section of the State Bar of Texas will induct Chief Justice Carolyn Wright as a Texas Legal Legend. The event will take place in the River Oaks BC room at the Marriott Marquis during the State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting in Houston. Immediately following the induction, Chief Justice Wright will be joined by fellow Legends Harriet Miers and Justice Ruby Sondock for a panel discussion.

Chief Justice Wright was appointed to the position of Chief Justice of the Dallas Court of Appeals by Governor Rick Perry on November 17, 2009. Chief Justice Wright leads the largest intermediate court in Texas and one of the busiest courts in the nation, with thirteen justices serving six Texas counties. She is the first African American to serve as Chief Justice on any of the fourteen intermediate courts of appeal in Texas, and the first African-American woman to win a multi-county election in Texas history. She has authored thousands of legal opinions in cases involving legal issues touching every area of Texas law.

Chief Justice Wright's service as a judge spans over 30 years. She was in the first round of judicial appointees by Governor George W. Bush in his first term of office in 1995. Before her appointment, Judge Wright served as a State District Judge, a Dallas County Associate Judge, and a practicing attorney. She has a broad range of experience in the areas of civil, family, juvenile, and criminal law, as well as mediation. As a trial court judge, she was a forerunner in the state in designing creative solutions and innovative programs to reduce the impact of domestic violence and nonsupport on families and children.

Outside of her commitments to the court, Chief Wright is tireless in her efforts to improve the Texas judicial system. She has actively participated as a member of the faculty or served as a panelist, speaker, mentor, and leader in many judicial, legal, and professional organizations, including the American, National, and Dallas Bar Associations, the National Judicial College, and the Texas Bar Foundation. She is also a Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow, an active member of her church, and a member of the Executive Women of Dallas, the Links, Inc., and the Summit.

Chief Justice Wright has been recognized by a long list of distinguished organizations. She is a recent inductee into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame and Governor Bush presented her with the Yellow Rose of Texas Award for significant contributions to her community. Other awards include the National Association

of Women Lawyers' Leadership Award and the American Bar Association Business Section's Award for contributions to women and proficiency in law.

A fourth-generation Texan born in Houston, reared in a career military family, Wright has lived throughout the United States and Japan. She graduated from the Howard University School of Law in Washington, D.C., where she received the Distinguished Alumni Award. She is married to James Sanders.

Texas Legal Legends is a project of the Litigation Section of the State Bar of Texas. Its purpose is to memorialize the stories of many legendary lawyers who have practiced in Texas, and to use those stories to enhance the public's understanding of the historical importance of law students and lawyers serving others and making a difference – not just a living. Legends like Chief Justice Wright are prime examples of lawyers who have spent their professional careers serving others and taking on challenges that are much bigger than themselves.

The complete list of Legends inductees includes (in order of induction):

1. Joe Jamail
2. Joe Reynolds
3. Harry Reasoner
4. Barbara Aldave
5. Carolyn Dineen King
6. Gibson Gayle, Jr.
7. LA Bedford
8. Jerry Goldstein
9. Adelfa B. Callejo
10. Broadus Spivey
11. Blackie Holmes
12. Craig Washington
13. Scott Baldwin
14. Royal Furgeson, Jr.
15. Bob Black
16. George Chandler
17. Mary Lou Robinson
18. Forrest Bowers
19. Ruby Sondock
20. H. Ron White
21. Lloyd P. Lochridge
22. Patton G. "Pat" Lochridge
23. Tom Morris
24. Harriet Miers

Videos highlighting the careers of these individuals are available on DVD and on the Litigation Section's website: <http://tinyurl.com/TexasLegalLegends>.