

**TEXAS LEGAL LEGEND: HARRIET MIERS**  
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At 12:30 p.m. on January 23, 2018, the Litigation Section of the State Bar of Texas will induct Harriet Miers as a Texas Legal Legend in the Walsh Classroom at SMU Dedman School of Law in Dallas.

Miers studied law at SMU, where she was the Comments Editor for the *Southwestern Law Journal*. In 1972, after clerking for U.S. District Court Judge Joe E. Estes, she was the first woman hired at the Dallas firm of Locke Purnell Boren Laney & Neely, and became the first woman to lead the firm, then known as Locke Purnell Rain Harrell, in 1996. In 1999, when Locke Purnell merged with Houston-based Liddell Sapp Zivley Hill & LaBoon, she became Co-Managing Partner. She held that position until she left to serve in the administration of President George W. Bush from 2001-2007 as Staff Secretary, Deputy Chief of Staff, and Counsel to the President. After her service in the White House, she returned to Locke Lord as a Partner in 2007. She is a member of the Firm's Litigation and Public Policy Sections.

“I can think of no one as deserving as Harriet for this honor,” said Jerry Clements, Chair Emeritus of Locke Lord. “She has been a leader within our Firm and a champion for both women and minorities in the legal profession. As a mentor, Harriet provides the example of what we all aspire to in the legal community and embodies a dedication to justice, service and professionalism. Her lifetime of accomplishments is remarkable and we are proud to support and share her lasting impression, not only at Locke Lord but across the profession.”

Throughout her distinguished career, Miers has been committed to public service and served in many professional and community volunteer positions. She was the first woman president of the Dallas Bar Association as well as the State Bar of Texas. Last year, Miers was the recipient of the Texas Appleseed J. Chrys Dougherty Good Apple Award, the organization's highest recognition presented to leading legal minds and trailblazers who have helped shape the Texas legal field for the better. She was selected in 2015 by *Texas Lawbook* as one of 50 “Lions of the Texas Bar.” Among her many recognitions and awards: in 2005, Miers received the Sandra Day O'Connor award from the Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism and the Robert G. Storey Award for Distinguished Achievement from SMU Dedman School of Law. She also has received Distinguished Alumni Awards from both SMU and SMU Dedman

School of Law. In 1979, she was honored as the Outstanding Young Lawyer by the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers.

For her work as Counsel to the President, she received the Department of Justice Edmund J. Randolph Award in January 2007 for her "dedicated service to justice, the President, and the United States of America." She also received the Agency Seal Medal from the Central Intelligence Agency, an award given to people outside of the Agency who have made significant contributions to its work.

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 Miers 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

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