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RE: **2022 Texas Appellate Hall of Fame Inductees**

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Two appellate justices and one appellate practitioner will be honored this fall for their trailblazing marks on Texas legal history as the most recent inductees into the Texas Appellate Hall of Fame.

The 2022 honorees are:

- **Hon. David L. Bridges**—Justice David Bridges was a beloved member of the Fifth District Court of Appeals at Dallas, on which he served with distinction for nearly a quarter of a century. Nominated by both his current and former colleagues on the court, as well as several sitting federal judges, Justice Bridges authored more than 2,000 opinions as one of the longest-serving justices in the court’s history. A graduate of the Texas Tech University School of Law, Justice Bridges enjoyed one of the most varied professional backgrounds of any justice, having served as First Assistant in Charge of Litigation for the State Bar of Texas and an assistant district attorney, as well as working as an electrician in the U.S. Army, a petroleum landman, and even a bull rider!
- **Hon. Henry E. Doyle**—Justice Doyle was a giant in the law. Not only was he the first Black law student to enroll at a state law school in Texas, he was the state’s first Black law school graduate. He was a classmate of Heman Sweatt’s and was mentioned in the eventual landmark United States Supreme Court opinion bearing Sweatt’s name that desegregated law schools across the country. *Sweatt v. Painter*, 339 U.S. 629, 633 (1950). He was the first graduate of what would become the Thurgood Marshall School of Law—one of just eight HBCU law schools in the country. Five years after being licensed, Justice Doyle was one of the founders in 1955 of the Houston Lawyers Association (now an affiliate chapter of the National Bar Association), which was the only local bar alternative for Black lawyers in Houston who were prevented from joining the Houston Bar Association at the time. In 1978, he became the first Black appellate justice in Texas history when he was appointed to the First District Court of Appeals in Houston where he served with distinction until his retirement in 1984. He now achieves one final well-deserved “first” —becoming the first Black honoree in the Texas Appellate Hall of Fame.

- **Sharon Freytag**—Sharon Freytag was a legendary appellate lawyer. After graduating with honors from SMU Dedman School of Law and serving as the Editor in Chief of the SMU Law Review, she clerked for U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit Judge Patrick E. Higginbotham. In 1983, she began her long and distinguished career with the law firm of Haynes & Boone LLP, where she co-founded its appellate practice group. Later, she not only played a role in founding the American Bar Association’s Council of Appellate Lawyers—the only national bench bar organization—she served as its president as well. She went on to serve on both the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the State Bar of Texas.

The 2022 class will be posthumously inducted into the Texas Appellate Hall of Fame at a ceremony to be held in conjunction with the Advanced Civil Appellate Practice course at the Four Seasons hotel in Austin at noon on Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

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