

Charles J. Jacobus is the 2012 Recipient of Distinguished Real Estate Attorney Lifetime Achievement Award.

In 1983, he was one of the first lawyers to be board certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in both Commercial Real Estate Law and Residential Real Estate Law. He has served as a member of the Real Estate Probate and Trust Law Council, chaired the State Bar Title Insurance Committee, and served as Course Director for the Advanced Real Estate Law Course.

He is a member of the Houston Real Estate Lawyer's Council and was elected to the American College of Real Estate Lawyers in 1985. He chaired the American Bar Association's Committee on Brokers and Brokerage for 6 years (1988-1993) and was on the Media Books Products Editorial Board for the American Bar Association for 7 years.

In addition to his private law practice Chuck is also Executive Vice President of Charter Title Company in Houston, Texas, and an Advisory Title Officer for Fidelity National Title Insurance Company.

He has been named as a Texas Super Lawyer every year since 2003 and in 2011 was voted one of the top 100 attorneys of Texas. He is also featured in Martindale-Hubble Bar Registry of Pre-eminent Lawyers, the Best Lawyers in America, Who's Who in the World, and was recently featured in the U.S. News and World Report's "Best Law Firms".

Chuck's involvement, however, has been more than just Bar related activities. He has also been very active in the Texas Real Estate Teacher's Association (President in 2010), The Real Estate Educator's Association (President in 1998), Texas Land Title Association (Director of the Texas Land Title Institute Committee in 2001), and the Texas Real Estate Commission (where he is currently Co-chair of the Broker/Lawyer Committee and is a member of the Texas Real Estate Center's MCE Writing Group).

He is also an author, publishing 9 books: *Texas Real Estate Law*, 11e; *Texas Real Estate Principles*, 11e; *Real Estate, an Introduction to the Profession*, 11e; *Georgia Real Estate, an Introduction to the Profession*, 7e; *Texas Real Estate*, 11e; *Texas Title Insurance*; *Texas Forms Manual*, *Texas Real Estate Brokerage and the Law of Agency*; and *Keeping Current with Texas Real Estate*.

In addition to the books, he has written and presented numerous papers for the State Bar of Texas, the American Bar Association National Conventions, presentations to the American College of Real Estate Lawyers National Conferences, and has been a frequent speaker at the University of Texas Mortgage Lending Institute, South Texas College of Law Advanced Real Estate Law Course, University of Houston Law Center, the Houston Bar Association, Texas Land Title Association, and the Association of Real Estate License Law Officials. He has been a featured speaker at numerous states' associations of REALTORS annual conferences.

In his spare time, he has served as Mayor of his hometown, Bellaire, Texas, and served as a Scoutmaster for the National Boy Scout Jamboree and the Boy Scout World Jamboree in Chile.

It is only fitting that the Real Estate Probate and Trust Section of the State Bar of Texas bestow upon him the 2012 Distinguished Real Estate Attorney Lifetime Achievement Award.