

**PANEL DISCUSSION WITH TEXAS LITIGATION LEGAL LEGENDS:  
HON. ROYAL FURGESON, JR., HON. RUBY SONDOCK, AND H. RON WHITE**  
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At 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 22, 2017, the Litigation Section of the State Bar of Texas will lead a panel discussion with three Texas Legal Legends: Hon. Royal Furgeson, Jr., Hon. Ruby Sondock, and H. Ron White. The event will take place in the Topaz Room of the Hilton Anatole during the State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting in Dallas, Texas.

The three panelists all have had remarkable legal careers, marked by leadership in the legal profession and excellence as lawyers:

- Royal Furgeson, Jr. served as a federal district judge from 1994 to 2013 (and served as president of the Federal Judges Association), after which he became the founding dean of the University of North Texas at Dallas College of Law;
- Ruby Sondock was the first woman district court judge in Harris County, and the first woman to serve on the Texas Supreme Court in a regular session of the court; and
- H. Ron White was one of the first African-American lawyers practicing in Dallas, served as Dallas's first African-American male district court judge, and formed one of the largest minority-owned firms in North Texas

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 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



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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>.