

TEXAS LEGAL LEGEND: GEORGE CHANDLER
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On November 17, 2014, the Litigation Section of the State Bar of Texas will induct attorney George Chandler, founder and chairman of Chandler, Mathis & Zivley, P.C., as a Texas Legal Legend at Baylor University.

Chandler attended Baylor University on a tennis scholarship and graduated in 1960 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history as well as the title of MVP of the Bears' 1960 tennis team. He then attended Baylor Law School, where he was a member of the *Baylor Law Review* and earned his Juris Doctor.

After graduation from Baylor Law School, Chandler began work with the Corpus Christi personal injury firm of Edwards & DeAnda, where he practiced until 1964. He then moved back home to East Texas, where he has practiced ever since. In 1971, Chandler formed his own firm, specializing in plaintiffs' personal injury and commercial trial law and has operated that firm for over 40 years.

In 2009, Chandler was named the Baylor Lawyer of the Year, the highest honor given by the Baylor Law Alumni Association. "I was delighted to see George receive the Baylor Lawyer of the Year recognition," noted Baylor Law Dean Brad Toben. "He joined the company of the 'who's who' of Baylor Lawyers who have used their gifts and talents to make a difference in the lives of so many," said Toben. Chandler is also a Jaworski Fellow at Baylor Law School and frequently comes to the law center to share his trial advocacy expertise with the Practice Court students.

Chandler has been deeply involved in the Texas Trial Lawyers Association (TTLA) since 1974 and has sat on the Texas Trial Lawyer Association Executive Committee since 1996. He was President of the TTLA in 2003. Additionally, Chandler is a member of the prestigious International Academy of Trial Lawyers, limited by invitation to 400 trial lawyers worldwide. He is a diplomate of both the American Board of Trial Advocates and the National Board of Trial Advocacy. He has served by appointment on numerous committees of the State Bar of Texas and has been inducted as a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers.

In addition to these many accomplishments and accolades, Chandler has served a four-year term as a State Committeeman from Texas with the Association of Trial Lawyers of America and has served as President of the Angelina County Bar Association. Chandler has been Board Certified in Personal Injury Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization since 1978, the first year the certification was available.

Chandler received the 2009 Texas Bar Foundation's Ronald D. Secrest Outstanding Trial Lawyer Award, as well as the 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award of the Texas Trial Lawyers Association. In 2011,

Chandler received the John Hannah, Jr. Award for Public Service for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas.

Chandler is AV rated by the legal publication Martindale-Hubbell (the directory's highest rating) and was a founding member of the Tonahill Society, a group of trial lawyers and judges dedicated to the preservation of our Seventh Amendment right to trial by jury and to the betterment of the legal profession.

Chandler and Martha, his beloved wife of 55 years, have two children – daughter, Kelly Michaels, and late son, Reich Chandler, who passed away in 2006 and was also an accomplished Baylor Lawyer. The couple has three grandchildren, and they are active members of the First Baptist Church of Lufkin, where they have taught adult Sunday School for over 40 years.

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 to emulate Legends like Chandler by serving others and making a difference – not just a living. Chandler and the other Legends are prime examples of lawyers who have spent their professional careers serving others and taking on challenges that are much bigger than themselves.

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9. Adelfa B. Callejo
10. Broadus Spivey
11. Blackie Holmes
12. Craig Washington
13. Scott Baldwin
14. Royal Furgeson
15. Forrest Bowers
16. Bob Black

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