

Allen Boone Humphries Robinson, LLP Celebrates Clay Crawford's

50 Years with the State Bar of Texas

On Friday, June 20, 2025, the State Bar of Texas honored Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP attorney Clay Crawford for his remarkable 50 years of membership in the Bar, a testament to his enduring dedication to the legal profession.

Clay Crawford began his distinguished career in 1975 after graduating from the University of Houston's Bates College of Law. Early in his practice, Clay focused on creating and representing special purpose districts in the Greater Houston area. His expertise led to significant roles, including General Counsel to the Association of Water Board Directors and as a board member of the Utility District Advisory Council. Clay's impactful work earned him appointments to the City of Houston's Housing Improvement Program Review Committee and the Houston Parks Board.

In the early 1990s, Clay relocated to Dallas to serve as special counsel for entities affiliated with the Trammell Crow organization. Later, he co-founded the law firm Crawford & Jordan with Chris Jordan, now with ABHR. Reflecting on their collaboration, Jordan said, "I am so fortunate to have partnered with Clay for 16 years at Crawford & Jordan. Clay has been well known in the water-district world for many years as a highly skilled lawyer and an expert on district matters in North Texas. For me, though, equally important is the emphasis Clay has always placed on practicing with kindness and integrity."

Clay's deep knowledge and unwavering commitment to his clients' transformative projects have established him as a trusted advisor. Bob Kembel, a partner at the Nehemiah Company, shared, "I have had the privilege of working closely with Clay for over 20 years. He has been a teacher, advisor, close friend, and, at times, a necessary pain. He is a great lawyer and an amazing friend who brings honor to the legal profession."

Among Clay's many achievements, his role as a mentor and teacher stands out as his most enduring legacy. Mustafa Abdul-Jabbar, an ABHR attorney in the North Texas office, noted, "It is an honor to learn from Clay Crawford, whose actions, reputation, and accomplishments have laid the foundation for public finance lawyers across Texas. His five decades of service reflect steadfast dedication to our state and its communities."

While in awe of Clay's legal acumen, his colleagues often cite his authenticity and character as their greatest inspiration. Clay's longtime colleague Jonathan Finke said, "I am deeply grateful to my mentor, Clay Crawford. His guidance, insight, and support have shaped my legal journey. From complex legal discussions to the nuances of client relationships, he taught me not only how to think like a lawyer but also how to lead with integrity, humility, and purpose. I am fortunate to learn from someone of his caliber."

Today, we celebrate Clay Crawford—a great lawyer and an extraordinary person. His tireless efforts, influence on transformative projects, leadership in shaping the water district landscape, and

commitment to mentoring the next generation of attorneys will leave a lasting impact on the legal profession for generations to come.