

Houston Bar Foundation Recognizes Outstanding Efforts by Volunteers


The Houston Bar Foundation marked its 26th year of service with an Annual Meeting and Luncheon held January 22 at The Houston Club. The luncheon not only commemorated the installation of new officers, but also recognized the contributions of volunteers who provide pro bono legal representation and other services to the community.

The keynote speaker was Houston Mayor Bill White, who spoke about the impact of community volunteerism, particularly within the legal profession.

Stewart W. Gagnon of Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. became the 2009 chair of the Houston Bar Foundation, succeeding Debra Tsuchiyama Baker of Connelly•Baker•Wotring LLP. Other new officers are S. Jack Balagia, Jr. of Exxon Mobil Corporation, vice chair; and Jarvis V. Hollingsworth of Bracewell & Giuliani, LLP, treasurer. Baker will continue to serve on the board as immediate past chair.

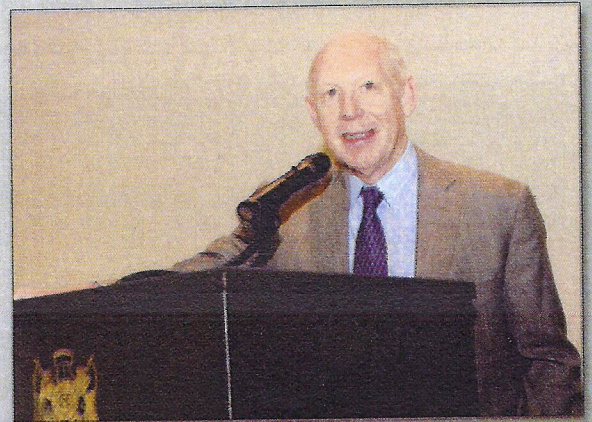
New directors for 2009-2011 are Janet Langford Kelly of Conoco Phillips; William C. (Bill) Lowrey of Shell Oil Company; and John Eddie Williams, Jr. of Williams Kherkher Hart Boundas, LLP.

Completing terms as directors for 2008-2010 are Christine LaFollette of Akin Gump Straus Hauer & Feld LLP; Rocky Robinson of Andrews Kurth LLP; and David Sterling of Baker Botts L.L.P.

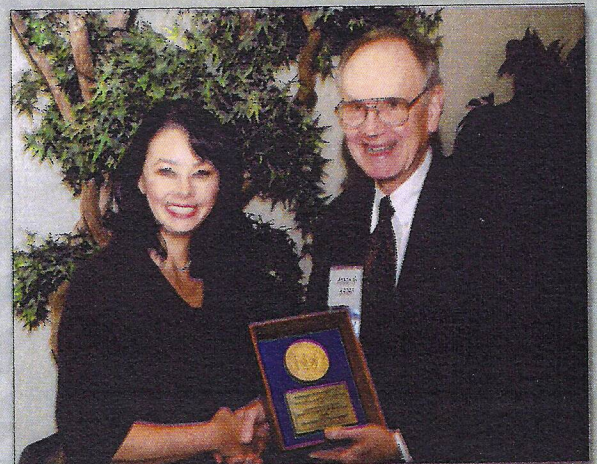
Baker presented the Foundation's annual awards for pro bono services through the Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program (HVLP), volunteer mediation services through the Dispute Resolution Center (DRC), and legal writing in *The Houston Lawyer*, the HBA's professional journal. 



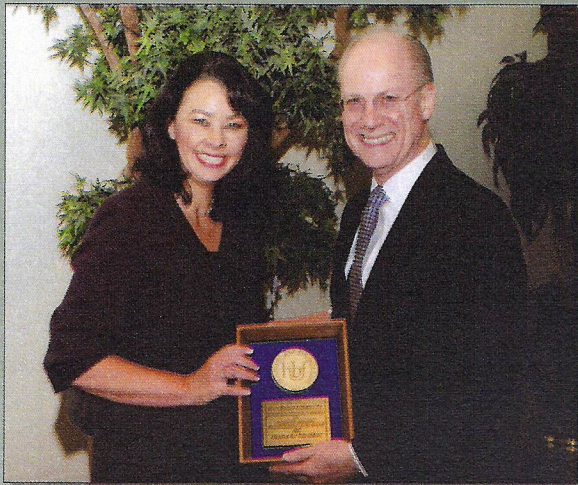
Debra Tsuchiyama Baker, 2008 Houston Bar Foundation chair, passes the gavel to Stewart W. Gagnon, 2009 Houston Bar Foundation chair.



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Frank Jones accepted the award for Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. for Outstanding Contribution to the HVLP by a Large Firm.



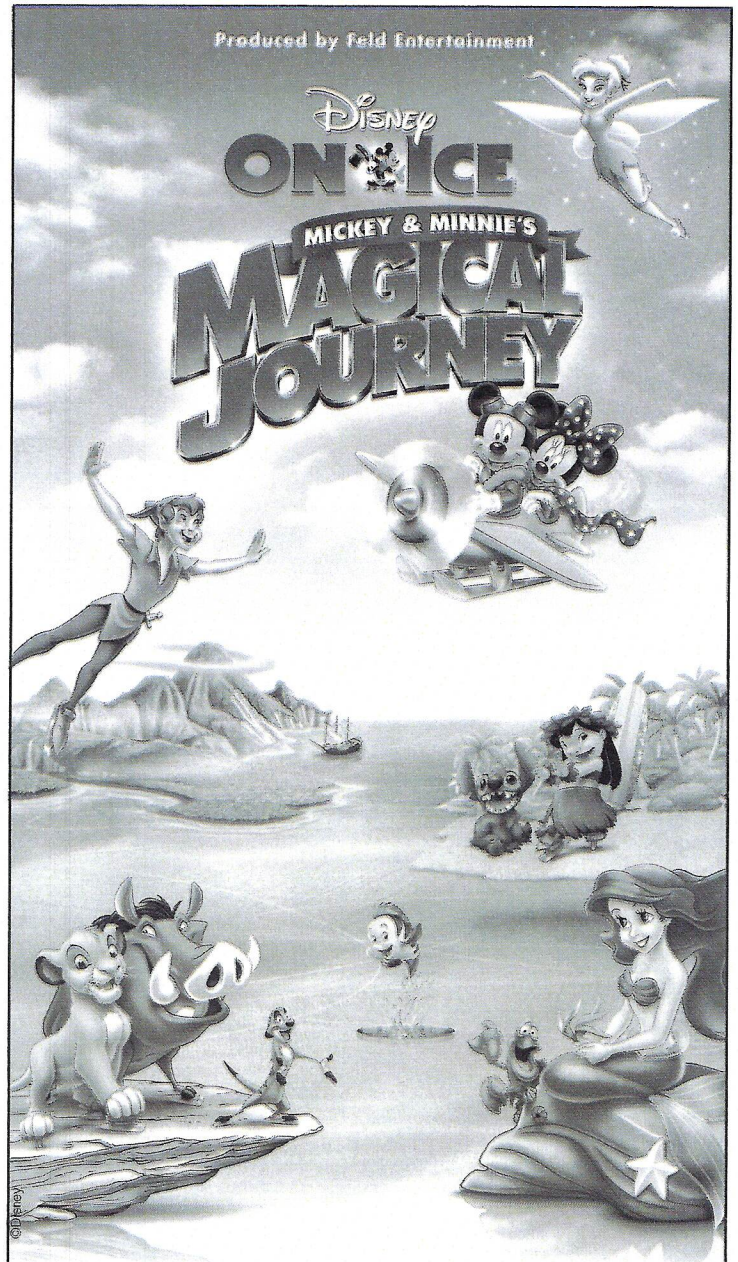
Martin Beirne accepted the award for Beirne, Maynard & Parsons, L.L.P. for Outstanding Contribution to HVLP by an Intermediate Firm.



John Spiller accepted the award for Strasburger & Price LLP for Outstanding Contribution to HVLP by a Mid-size Firm.



Rachel Clingman and Paul Turner accepted the award for Sutherland Asbill and Brennan LLP. for Outstanding Contribution to HVLP by a Small Firm.



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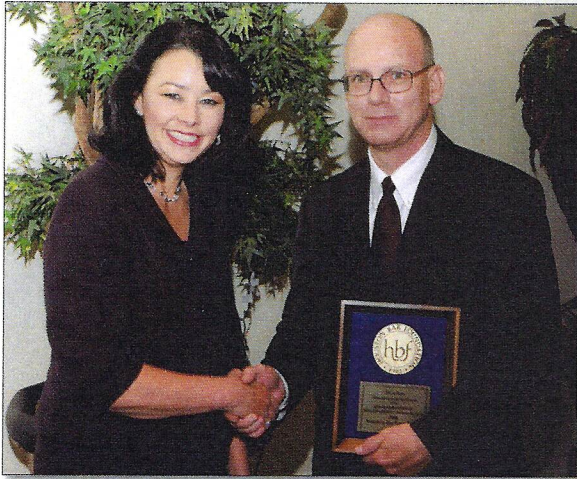
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Terry L. Hart received the award for Outstanding Contribution to HVLP by a Solo Practitioner.



Dena Raffte of Raffte & Company accepted an award for Outstanding Service to HVLP in the area of technology consulting.



Peggy O. Montgomery of ExxonMobil Corp. received the award for Outstanding Contribution to HVLP by a Pro Bono Coordinator.



Brian J. Tagtmeier received the award for Outstanding Contribution to the Dispute Resolution Center.

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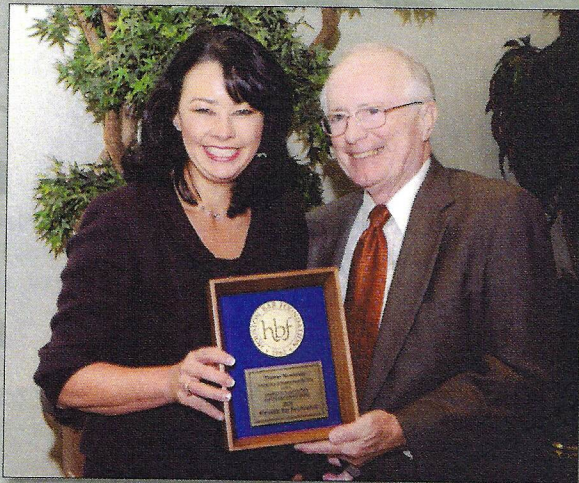
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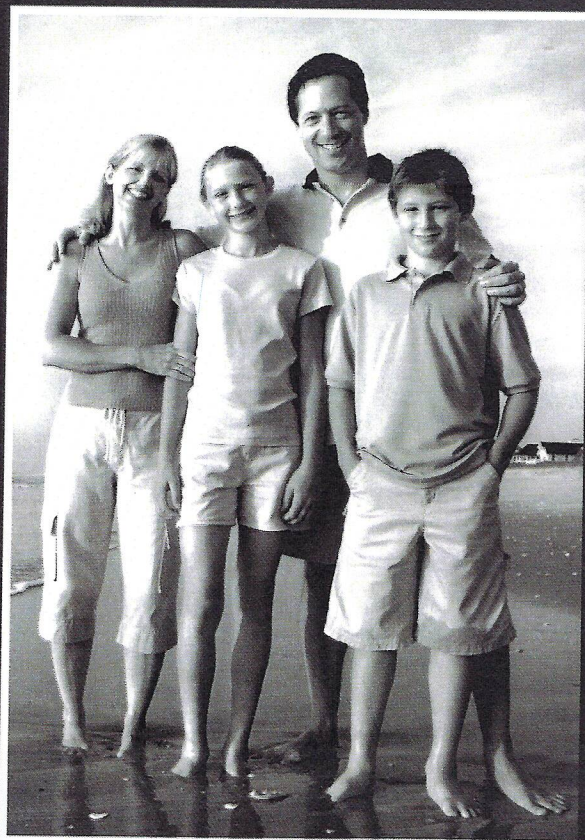
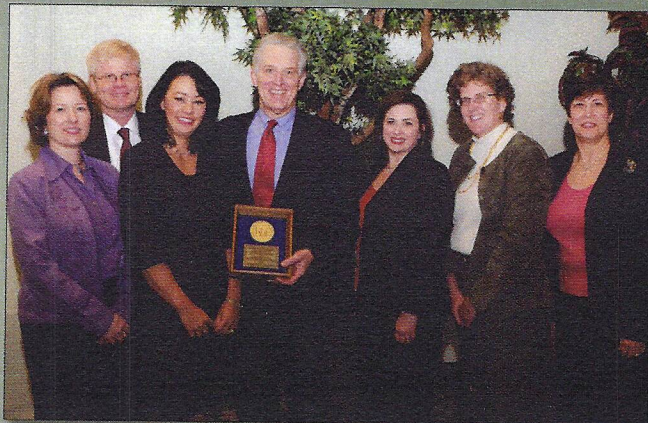


Thomas C. Newhouse received the award for Longevity of Exemplary Service to the Dispute Resolution Center.



Scott A. Lemond, Dr. Tonya Inman and Dr. John P. Vincent were recognized as the authors of the Outstanding Legal Article published in *The Houston Lawyer*.

Accepting the award on behalf of Marathon Oil Corporation for Outstanding Contribution to HVL P were Sherry Rowe, Dick Horstman, Bill Schwind, Marla Moore, Susan Miller and Karen Lukin.



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