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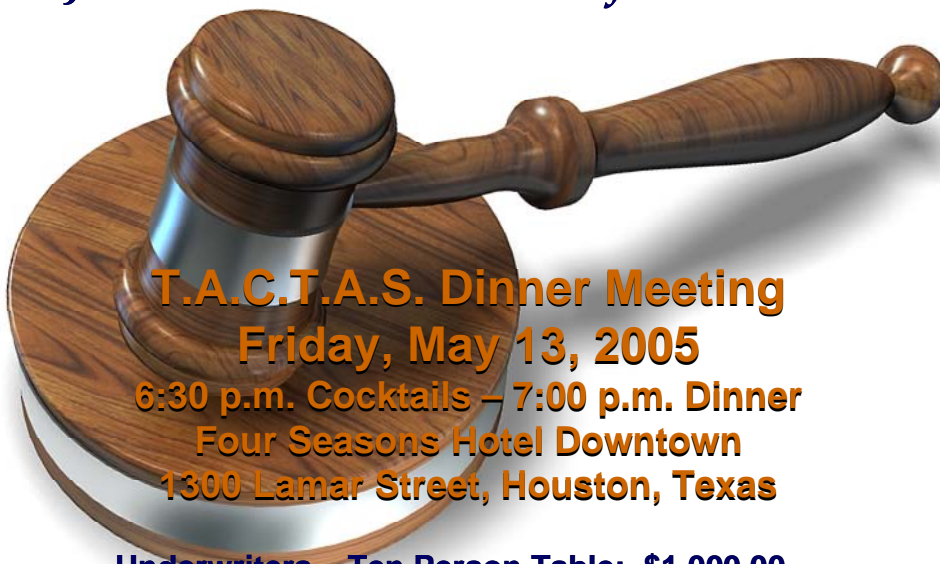
Carolyn D. King, Chief Judge

United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

&

Elizabeth Ray, Judge

165th Judicial District Court of Harris County



T.A.C.T.A.S. Dinner Meeting

Friday, May 13, 2005

6:30 p.m. Cocktails – 7:00 p.m. Dinner

Four Seasons Hotel Downtown

1300 Lamar Street, Houston, Texas

Underwriters – Ten Person Table: \$1,000.00

T.A.C.T.A.S. Dinner Meetings are free to members.

\$150 (each) guest charge. Cash Bar.

[To reserve your ten person table, please contact Mary Markert, 713-387-7026]

All certified civil trial, personal injury and civil appellate specialists are eligible for membership in T.A.C.T.A.S. Annual Dues are \$250; After March 1, \$125 half year rate.

Register by Mail or Facsimile or Phone

Complete this registration form and (1) mail with payment to Fred Hagans, T.A.C.T.A.S. Secretary, Hagans Bobb & Burdine, 3200 Travis, Fourth Floor, Houston, Texas 77006; (2) Register by fax to Fred Hagans, T.A.C.T.A.S. Secretary at (713) 547-4950; or (3) Register by phone (voice mail) to Fred Hagans' Paralegal, Mary Markert at (713) 387-7026 (direct). If registering by Telephone or Fax, please forward your payment to Fred Hagans, T.A.C.T.A.S. Secretary, Hagans Bobb & Burdine, 3200 Travis, Fourth Floor, Houston, Texas 77006 or bring payment to the Dinner Meeting. Make checks payable to T.A.C.T.A.S.

Name: _____

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Guest(s): _____

Accreditation

**Approval pending for 1.5 Credit for MCLE and
State Bar College by the State Bar of Texas**

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TACTAS proudly announces the recipients of its Judge of the Year Awards. This year's winners are Carolyn Dineen King, Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit and Elizabeth Ray, Judge of the 165th Judicial District Court of Harris County. They will be presented with their awards at the May 13, 2005 dinner.

Chief Judge Carolyn D. King

Chief Judge Carolyn Dineen King was Commissioned as a United States Court of Appeals Judge for the Fifth Circuit on July 13, 1979 and has been Chief Judge since January 16, 1999.

Chief Judge King is a summa cum laude graduate of Smith College where she was Phi Beta Kappa, and received her Law Degree from Yale University. After law school, she worked in the Appellate Section, Tax Division of the Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., and then practiced law with Fulbright & Jaworski in Houston. She then worked as an Associate and later became partner at Childs, Fortenbach, Beck & Guyton, in Houston. In 1978 she was partner at Sullivan, Bailey, King, Randall & Sabom in Houston, Texas and then became Judge of the United States Court of Appeals in 1979.

She is Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States. She is also a member of the American Law Institute and has served as Chairman of the Membership Committee, Advisor to Restatement of the Law Third-Torts: Products Liability and Advisor to Transnational Insolvency Project. Chief Judge King has also served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Member of the Executive Committee, and Chairman of the Academic Affairs Committee for the University of St. Thomas where she currently serves as a member of the Advisory Board, Center for Thomistic Studies. She has served on the Board of the Trustees and other Committee Chairmanships with the United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast, Hermann Hospital Estate, and Cullen Trust for Higher Education. Additionally, Chief Judge King has served on the Palmer Drug Abuse Program-National, Inc., Houston Chapter, American Heart Association, Houston Ballet Foundation, Houston District Advisory Counsel Small Business Administration and has served on the President's Commission on White House Fellowships. She received the Smith College Medal in 1997, the Outstanding Alumnus Award from the Phi Beta Kappa Alumni of Greater Houston in 1998 and the Margaret Bret Award from the ABA Commission on Women in 2005.

Judge Elizabeth Ray

Judge Elizabeth Ray was elected in 1992 and has run unopposed every 4 years since that election. She served as Administrative Judge for the Harris County District Courts from 1998 to 2002. She was elected by the 59 District Court Judges of Harris County to serve as Administrative Judge for the District Courts which is the 4th largest jurisdiction in the United States. Judge Ray was in charge of spearheading the effort to obtain voter approval for \$119 million of bonds to construct a new civil courthouse for Harris County; overseeing a budget of \$30 million and managing 270 employees. She was also charged with duties of creating and implementing judicial/legislative agenda, jury management criteria, and technology implementation.

Judge Ray is Board Certified with the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in Civil Trial Law since 1993. She received her B.A. Degree from Texas Tech University in 1975 and her law degree from Baylor University School of Law in 1978. Judge Ray has also completed the Mediation Training from the Attorney's Mediation Institute. Judge Ray has also served as an Adjunct Professor from 1997 to 1999 at the South Texas College of Law where she taught the Pre-Trial Advocacy Course to graduating seniors. Judge Ray was the Founding Partner of Dillard & Ray, Houston Texas from 1987 to 1992 which specialized in commercial litigation in both state and federal courts and real estate and business transactions. Judge Ray was Lead Counsel in charge of local litigation for a national commercial real estate developer specializing in the creation and management of local shopping malls; Lead Counsel for numerous businesses, both locally owned and national, including an oil and gas supply company which does contract work for NASA; a real estate development company; and a large commercial laundry business. Judge Ray was also a member of the Board of Directors of Baylor University Alumni Association. She is currently on the Planning Committee for the National Association of Women Judges which will host 2500 Judges from around the country in a conference in Houston in October 2005; Executive Committee of the Houston branch of the Chiapas Foundation (which locates and provides micro loans to the women of Chiapas, Mexico to start their own businesses); Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow of the Houston Bar Association; Houston Bar Foundation; National Association of Women Judges and Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity.