

**HOUSTON REAL ESTATE LAWYERS' COUNCIL**  
**Houston, Texas**

March 14, 2003

Mr. Tom Henninger  
Director, Law Alumni Association  
The University of Texas School of Law  
727 E. Dean Keeton Street  
Austin, Texas 78705

Re: Nomination of Bernard O. Dow  
Lifetime Achievement Award

Dear Tom:

All Members of the Houston Real Estate Lawyers' Council take pride in placing the name of Bernard O. Dow in nomination for the Lifetime Achievement Award presented by the University of Texas School of Law.

Charles Alan Wright said it best in 1998 when he wrote of Bernard O. Dow, "*It is always a pleasure to welcome a graduate of this Law School to ALI membership. It is clear that you have had a fine career since you left the Law School and I am particularly pleased that you have given so much of your time to continuing legal education and to work for the organized bar. It is things like that, in my view, that separate the lawyers who are members of a learned profession from the lawyers who think it an opportunity to get rich.*"

"Bernie", as he is known to his many friends and colleagues, has dedicated himself to helping not only his loyal clients but the Bar generally through his tireless and selfless efforts in scholarly writing, speaking, organizing and chairing numerous CLE programs for the state and local bars and law schools, such as the State Bar's Advanced Real Estate Law Course, UT's Mortgage Lending Institute, and SMU's Mortgages in Depth and Leases in Depth (chaired 5 years), as well as many other significant legal educational programs.

After graduating *with honors* Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Texas and then receiving his LL. B. from the University of Texas School of Law in 1956, Bernie joined with his father Harry Dow (UT Law Class of 1921) and his brother Melvin Dow in the early formative stages of building what later became the leading real estate boutique Houston law firm of Dow, Cogburn & Friedman until its merger in 2001.

Immediately following graduation from UT Law School (and before he started law practice), Bernie received a direct commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force and received orders calling him to active duty specifically designating him as an Instructor in

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Military Law (within the Air University Command). His duties, during the three-year period of his service, included serving as an Instructor in Military Law, Federal Tort Claims Act, Geneva Convention, Code of Conduct and various Air Force Regulations. He served his country with distinction and honor.

For many years, Bernie has been a leading and well recognized authority in real estate leasing, mortgages and other facets of real estate law. Since inception of the Board Certification program, Bernie has been Board Certified in Commercial Real Estate Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

In 2000, the State Bar's Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section recognized his illustrious legal career in presenting him with the *Lifetime Achievement Award to a Distinguished Texas Real Estate Attorney*, a well deserved honor.

Similarly, Bernie was the duly honored recipient of the *First Annual Award For Texas Lawyer Professionalism* presented in 1994 by the College of the State Bar of Texas.

He has been elected as a Life Fellow of American Bar Foundation, Fellow of Texas Bar Foundation, and Life Fellow of Houston Bar Foundation.

Bernie holds the distinction of being listed for 20 consecutive years in the *Best Lawyers in America*, which is every year since the inception of that publication.

Recognition of his remarkable talents has come in many forms, including membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers and the Houston Real Estate Lawyers' Council, where Bernie has been a dedicated and prominent leader. Over the years, Bernie has been a member of and then chaired numerous organizations, including the Exam Commission (Real Estate Law) of the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

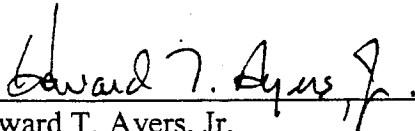
Well known for his prolific and scholarly writing, Bernie has produced and published over 100 outlines and articles on a wide range of real estate topics. In addition to numerous publications and presentations for the University of Texas School of Law William W. Gibson, Jr. Mortgage Lending Institute and others mentioned above, he has written for such organizations as the International Council of Shopping Centers, Texas Real Estate Law Reporter, Texas Paralegal Journal, Newsletter of State Bar of Texas Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law, Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants, CLE International, Houston Association of Realtors and numerous law schools.

Bernie's election in 1998 to membership in the prestigious American Law Institute manifests his national recognition and standing, giving rise to our distinguished Professor Wright's comments quoted above.

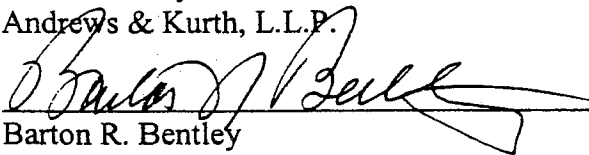
*Texas Lawyer* publication in 2002 selected Bernie as one of five real estate attorneys in its *Go-To Guide of Top Notch Texas Lawyers*.

His professional accomplishments and dedicated service to the community and his profession is exceeded only by his universally recognized genteel and civil approach to all with whom he comes in contact. He honors the core values that our legal profession treasures and promotes in living his life and practicing law by way of example through his commitment, integrity, excellence and collegiality.

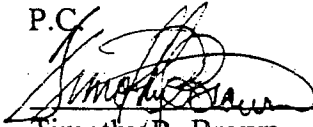
It is an honor for each of the Members (alphabetically named below) of the Houston Real Estate Lawyers' Council to place the name of Bernard O. Dow in nomination for the 2003 Law Alumni Association Lifetime Achievement Award.



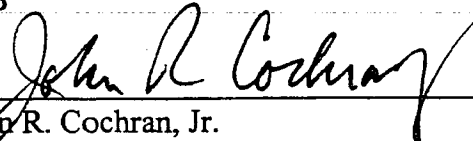
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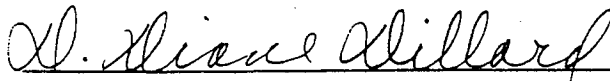
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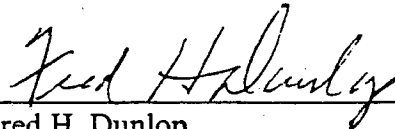
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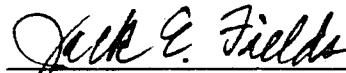
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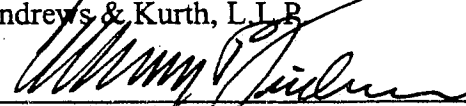
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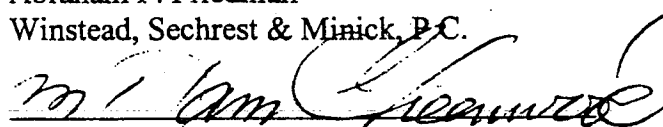
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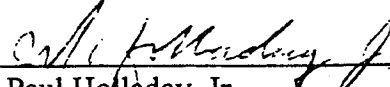
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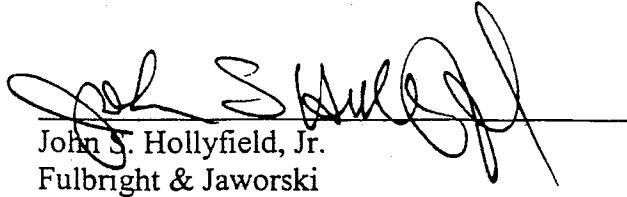
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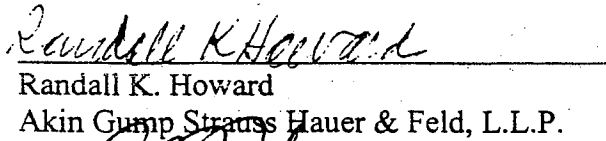


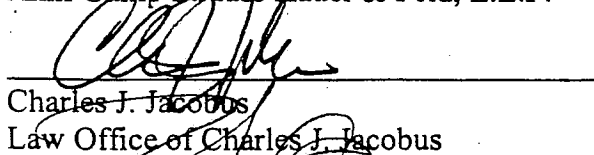
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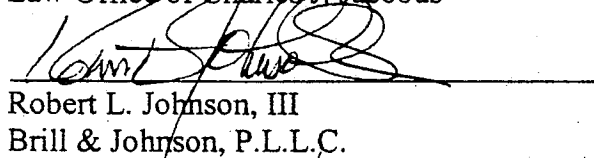


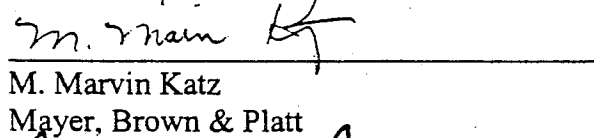
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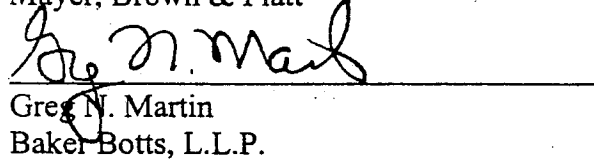
  
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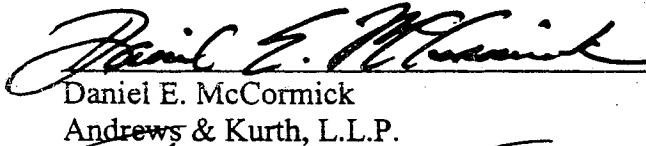
  
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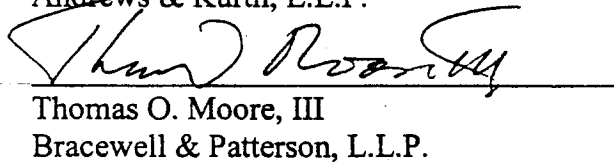
  
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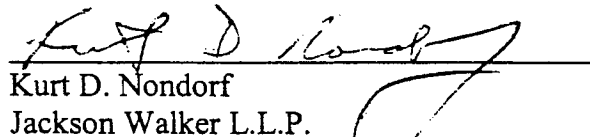
  
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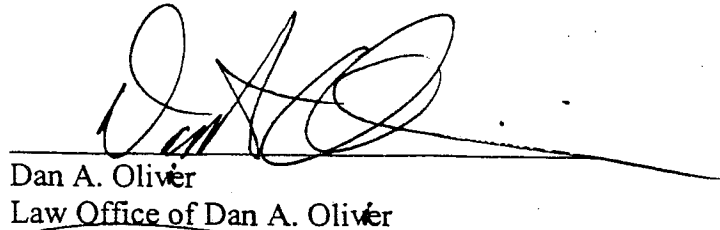
  
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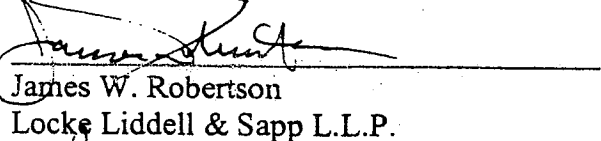
  
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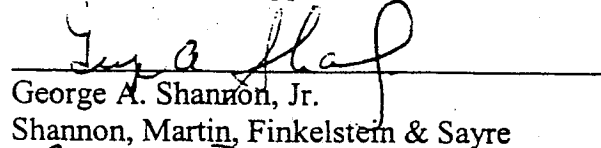
  
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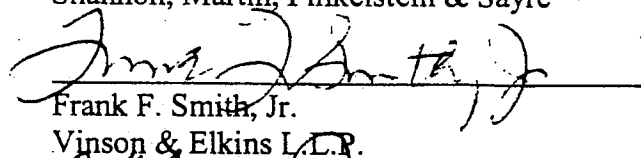
  
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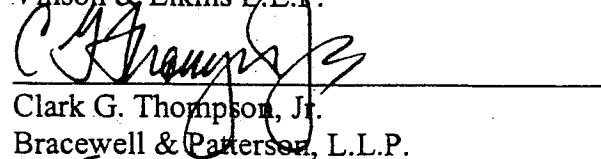
  
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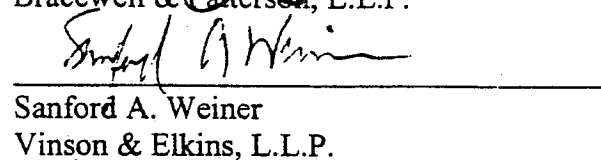
  
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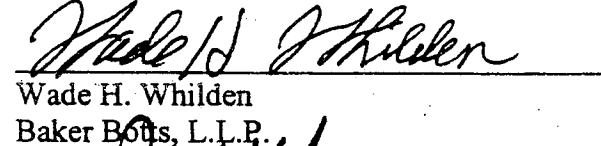
  
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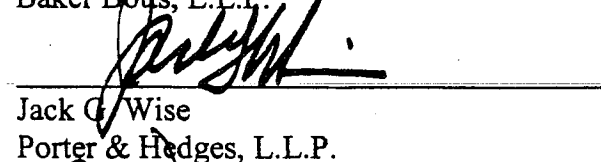
  
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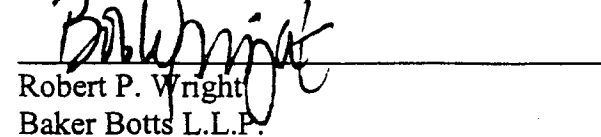
  
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