

RICHARD HIGHTOWER
Justice, First Court of Appeals, Place 8

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Baylor Law School, J.D. 1980 (Baylor Law Review)

Baylor University, B.A. English, 1978

Livingston High School, 1974

LEGAL EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Richard Hightower, P.C. 2000-2018 (Owner)

Brown McCarroll & Oaks Hartline, 1986-1999 (Trial Section Partner-Houston Office)

Sharp, Ward, Price, and Hightower, Longview, Texas, 1981-1986 (Partner)

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

Justice First Court of Appeals (2019-current)

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES AND MEMBERSHIPS

State Bar of Texas (1981)

Supreme Court of the United States (1985)

United States District Courts (Southern and Eastern Districts)-current until elected

Mediator Certificate (1993)

Texas Bar Association (Fellow)

Houston Bar Association (Lifetime)

Appellate and Judicial Sections of State Bar of Texas

School Law Section State Bar of Texas-current until elected

Texas Council of School Attorneys-current until elected

PROFESSIONAL RATINGS

AV Preeminent Martindale Hubbell (Highest Peer Rating for Performance and Ethics)

Recognized as a Super Lawyer

Outstanding Biennial Judicial Performance Evaluations from Appellate Attorneys

POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

Member Harris County Democratic Party

Member Ft. Bend County Democratic Party

Member Brazoria County Democratic Party

Member Galveston County Democratic Party

Member Harris County Democratic Lawyers Association

Member Association of Women Attorneys

Member Houston LGBTQ+ Political Caucus

Member H-BAD (Houston Black American Democrats)

Member Houston Lawyers Association

Member Mexican American Bar Association

Member Harris County Tejano Democrats

Member of numerous clubs and organizations throughout my ten-county district

