



Hon. Ted M. Akin

- ◆ Sr. District Judge, First Administrative Judicial Region (1991– present)
- ◆ Mediator/Arbitrator (1986 – present)
- ◆ Appellate Justice, 5th Court of Appeals (1981 - 1986)
- ◆ Appellate Justice, 5th Court of Civil Appeals (1975 - 1981)
- ◆ State District Judge, 95th Civil District Court, (1973 – 1975)
- ◆ Judge, Dallas County Court at Law No. 4 (1963 – 1969)

K N O W L E D G E A B L E . Judge Akin has been a respected jurist since 1963, when he was appointed and subsequently elected as the first judge of Dallas County Court at Law No. 4. He then “rose through the ranks,” being elected to the 95th Judicial District Court of Dallas County and the 5th Court of Civil Appeals, and the 5th Court of Appeals. As a Justice on the 5th Court of Appeals, Judge Akin authored over 300 published opinions and more than 1,500 unpublished opinions.

Although he retired from the appellate bench in 1986, Judge Akin’s knowledge and judicial experience is now focused on serving the people of Texas as a visiting judge and special commissioner throughout the state.

While in private practice, the bulk of Judge Akin’s work was in the fields of construction, real estate, and commercial law. Judge Akin also has practical experience in the worlds of both business and charitable institutions. He was a Founder and Chairman of the Board, Main Street National Bank (J.P. Morgan Chase of Texas); former Member, Advisory Council to the Dallas Community Chest Trust Fund; and Former Director, North Texas Chapter Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Judge Akin remains “in the know” by attending and/or speaking at numerous CLE, ADR, and judicial conference programs. He is a member of the ADR Sections of the State Bar of Texas, Dallas Bar Association, and the American Bar Association; as well as a member of the Association for Conflict Resolution – National and Dallas/Forth Worth Chapters; CPR Institute for Conflict Resolution – Texas Panel; College of the State Bar of Texas; and NASDAQ Panel of Arbitrators.

Judge Akin received both his Bachelor of Arts degree and Juris Doctor from Southern Methodist University in 1953 and 1955, respectively.