

PAST CHAIRMAN PROFILE¹

**Richard T. “Dick” Brady
(1930-2020)**

OGERL Section Chairman (1984-1985)

We are sad to report the passing of Richard T. (Dick) Brady on November 1, 2020. Dick was Chair of the Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Section of the State Bar for the 1984 – 1985 term and a member of the Council from 1977 through 1986.

Born in Carrizo Springs, Texas on September 3, 1930, Dick grew up on his family’s ranch, attending Carrizo Springs High School where he excelled in school athletics. He later attended Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College and was a devoted “Texas Aggie” throughout his life. He was a particular fan of Texas A & M football and attended many Aggie games. Having been invited by a friend to view the University of Texas / Texas A&M game from UT’s exclusive Centennial Room skybox, and after attending in full A&M colors, he later lamented that “... they didn’t try to make me very welcome.”

After graduation and completing service in the United States Air Force, Dick began his career in the energy industry as a petroleum landman for Lone Star Producing Company. During this time, he also attended St. Mary’s University School of Law in the evenings, earning his Juris Doctor degree. After graduating, Dick joined the San Antonio law firm of Cox, Smith, Smith, Hale & Guenther, Incorporated where he made his legal career specializing in oil and gas law and as head of the Energy Law practice. His love for competition permeated his law practice, and

he was regarded as a tough negotiator and fierce, although straight forward and fair advocate for his clients. Many less experienced landmen seeking to lease his client’s property departed Dick’s office with their “Producers 88” printed form oil and gas lease intact and unsigned. Though not one for self-aggrandizement, Dick admitted his oil and gas lease form was not a “Producers 88”, but more of a “Producers 44.”

A consummate country boy, Dick had a wonderfully dry sense of humor and a knack for fitting colloquialisms, such as “.... he’s got a gravy train on biscuit wheels...,” and “... that boy is always carrying his bucket but never gets here with anything in it.”

Generally regarded as one of the best oil and gas lawyers in Texas, Dick was the mentor for many young lawyers striving to practice in oil and gas and was regarded as a very close friend by most of those mentees.

Dick was also a steadfast family man and supporter of his children, his church and the San Antonio community. Dick and his loving wife of 57 years, Jacquie, who preceded him in death in 2011, are survived by three children, Kevin Brady, Brian Brady and Maura Brady Costello, by seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. The San Antonio legal community has truly lost a good one. He will be sorely missed as a great lawyer, friend, mentor and person.

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