

**Phi Beta Kappa, Zeta of Texas Chapter
Citation for Honorary Membership**

**Judge Ken Starr
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Born 21 July 1946 in Vernon, Texas, Kenneth Winston Starr was raised in San Antonio. Having been graduated from Sam Houston High School, he studied at George Washington University where he received his B.A. in 1968, after which he took his M.A. at Brown in 1969. Just four years later he obtained the J.D. from Duke University's School of Law. Well-known for his love of the Constitution of the United States, Judge Starr is licensed to practice law in California, the District of Columbia, Virginia, and in the United States Supreme Court.

Judge Starr has argued thirty-six cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, of which twenty-five occurred when he was Solicitor General of the United States from 1989-1998. He served as a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia from 1983-1989.

Judge Starr taught constitutional law both at the New York University School of Law and at George Mason University School of Law, where he was visiting distinguished professor, as he had been at the Chapman School of Law. He has written more than twenty-five published works and his book, *First among Equals: The Supreme Court in American Life*, published in 2002, was praised by U.S. Circuit Judge David B. Sentelle as "eminently readable and informative...not just the best treatment to-date of the Court after (Chief Justice Earl) Warren, it is likely to have that distinction for a long, long time."

Judge Starr received the J. Reuben Clark Law Society 2005 Distinguished Service Award, the 2004 Capital Book Award, the Jefferson Cup award from the FBI, the Edmund Randolph Award for Outstanding Service in the Department of Justice and the Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service.

Before coming to Baylor in 2010 to serve as the University's fourteenth president, Judge Starr was professor and dean of Pepperdine's School of Law. Judge Starr had previously been both a lawyer and partner in the legal firm Kirkland and Ellis, LLP.

Judge Starr and his accomplished wife, Alice, have three children and six grandchildren.