



Robert O. Dawson
VISIONARY LEADERSHIP AWARD

*Sponsored by the Juvenile Law Section
Awarded Annually*

About the Award

This award goes to an individual who has unselfishly devoted time to the cause of juvenile justice, specifically, in Texas. Persons deserving nomination are those who advocate for justice for Texas' juveniles; those who promote legislation advancing the juvenile justice system in the state; or those who advance the development and/or expansion of juvenile justice programs, funding, and/or access to other innovative options or approaches designed to improve the State's juvenile justice system and benefit the youth it serves. Nominees may include employees of public, private, or non-profit organizations, elected or appointed officials, or private citizens.

About the Award's Namesake

Professor Robert O. Dawson passed away February 26, 2005 at his home in Fentress, Texas at the age of 65. Bob Dawson held the Bryant Smith Chair in Law at the University of Texas School of Law where he taught for 37 years. He served as the Director of the Criminal Defense Clinic from 1974 through 1998 and was the co-director of the Actual Innocence Clinic since its inception in 2003.

Professor Dawson's vision and leadership have been the prominent force in juvenile justice across the state for the past 30 years. He was the primary draftsman of the 1995 legislation reforming juvenile justice in the state of Texas and continued to draft much of the juvenile justice laws in all subsequent legislative sessions.

In addition to criminal and juvenile law, Professor Dawson was passionate about equine law. He and his wife, Jan, founded the American Association of Horsemanship Safety in Fentress and co-taught a course related to equine law at Texas State University in San Marcos.

Professor Dawson was not only a scholar, but also a compassionate human being. This State was privileged to have had Professor Dawson grace us with his knowledge and sense of humor. The field of juvenile justice will forever be indebted to his commitment, service, spirit, and loyalty. It is within each of us to continue his legacy and as we progressively move forward, our vision must always be in the best interest of the children.

Nominations

Nominations for the 2018 award are due by November 28, 2017. The 2018 Robert O. Dawson Visionary Leadership Award will be presented at the 30th Annual Robert O. Dawson Juvenile Law Seminar, which will be held at the Horseshoe Bay Resort in Horseshoe Bay, Texas, February 25 to February 28, 2018.

To nominate an individual for consideration, please submit the Robert O. Dawson Visionary Leadership Award Nomination Form to wcox@epcounty.com, on or before November 28, 2017.



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Who is submitting this nomination?

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Organizational Affiliation: _____

Who are you nominating?

Nominee: _____

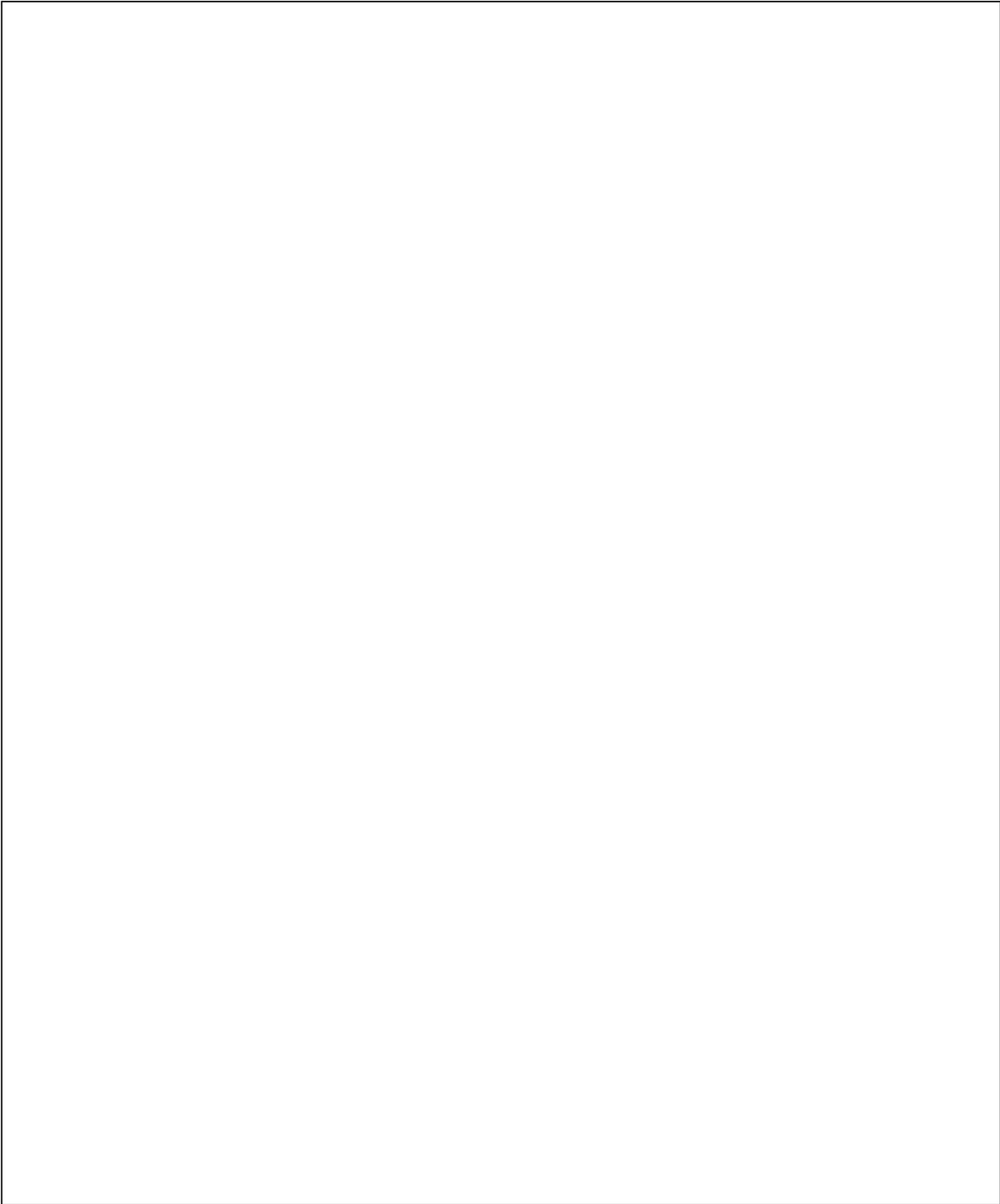
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Description: In 500 words or less, please describe how your nominee has advocated for the cause of justice for Texas' juveniles, promoted legislation advanced the juvenile justice system in the state and/or advanced the development and/or the expansion of juvenile justice programs, funding, and/or access to other innovative options or approaches designed to improve the State's juvenile justice system and benefit the youth it serves. In addition, you may attach up to 2 pages of supporting documentation (i.e., letters of recommendation, newspaper articles, awards, etc.).



DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: NOVEMBER 28, 2017

Send completed nomination to wcox@epcounty.com.

Questions? Contact Bill Cox at 915.546.8185 ext. 3569 or wcox@epcounty.com.