

BOB WORTHAM



Judge Bob Wortham is an innovator and legal pioneer whose landmark cases have had national impact. Judge Wortham has had a distinguished career as a federal prosecutor, district judge and private attorney. He began his career as a Jefferson County assistant district attorney. Highlights of Wortham's career include successful prosecution of the drug-smuggling case against wealthy rancher Rex Cauble and the "Cowboy Mafia," including the first enforcement of a federal racketeering law. As a state district judge, he worked to assist other judges with case loads and led in developing a prototype for court scheduling orders that is now standard.

A Beaumont native, Wortham earned a degree in Government in 1971 in the last graduating class from Lamar State College of Technology. He received his law degree from Baylor University School of Law in 1974.

Wortham's achievements have earned scores of honors, including: Outstanding Young Lawyer in Jefferson County, ATF's Arson Prosecutor of the Year Award and the Press Club of Southeast Texas' inaugural Newsmaker of the Year Award.

Bob Wortham is a philanthropist whose generosity has touched scores of individuals and organizations.

"Bob is a force of nature. He set high goals for himself and pursues them. He's been a judge, a prosecutor and a lawyer. It's hard to do all those things right – and he's succeeded in every one of them. The tone he sets is conducive to feeling good about yourself and wanting to work hard. He knows how to make people feel valued. Service is what motivates Bob. He's happiest when he's helping the public."

- Tom Kiehnhoff
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