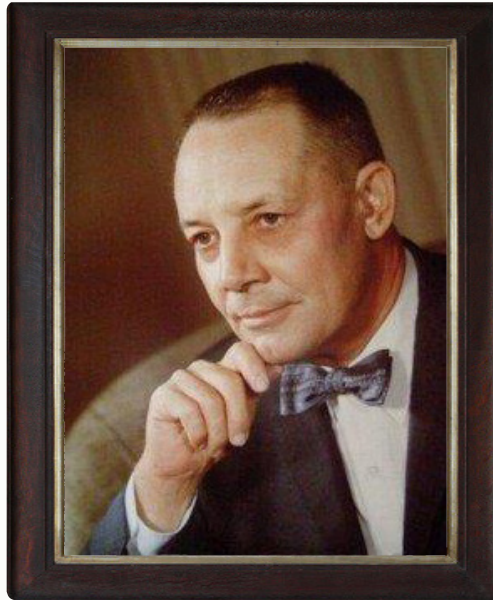


JOHN TUCKER



1907 - 2008

John Tucker first came to Southeast Texas in the early 1930s. He was looking for an area of the country where there were the fewest lawyers. His research pointed to Southeast Texas.

Tucker was born in Kansas City, Missouri. He graduated from Harvard Law School in 1930 and in 1933 joined the law firm of William E. Orgain. Orgain started the firm in Beaumont in 1907. Tucker's career spanned more than seven decades, he earned the reputation as the "wizard of trial law." The law firm's name changed to Orgain, Bell & Tucker in 1945. Tucker was known for wearing hand-tied bowties, and for his skill with people as well as with facts and the law. He was lead counsel in many cases that established important principles of law, arguing cases before the Texas Supreme Court that set legal precedent. He was a fellow of the International Trial Lawyers and the American College of Trial Lawyers. He received a number of awards, including the Jefferson County Bar Association Blackstone Award in 1987.

"Some lawyers are good on the facts, and others are good with the law. John was good at both."

- Benny Hughes
Of Counsel, Orgain, Bell & Tucker

"It didn't matter if you were the opposition lawyer, the court reporter or the person making copies for the law firm. He treated everybody as if they were someone special."

- Ann Isles
(the oldest of John Tucker's three daughters)