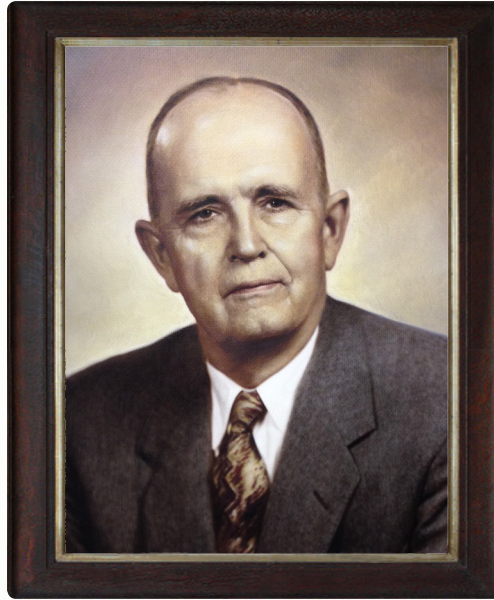


## MAJOR TOWNSEND BELL



1897 - 1969

Major Townsend Bell devoted almost half a century to the legal profession - beginning his career as a district attorney for the 4th Judicial District in Rusk, Shelby, and Panola Counties.

Bell was born in Tenaha, Texas. After his graduation from high school, he served in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War I. Following the war he enrolled at the University of Texas where he received his L.L.B. degree in 1923. Later he moved to Beaumont, impacting the legal community for more than four decades as a driving force behind the Beaumont law firm of Orgain, Bell and Tucker, which celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2007. Bell served as president of the State Bar of Texas and Jefferson County Bar Association and was honored as the Beaumont Legal Secretaries' first Boss of the Year. He also served as vice-president of the State Bar Committee on Nuclear Energy.

His younger son, Tom, describes him as a man of honesty, integrity and kindness - a straight shooter. "He had an aura about him that was pure honesty," the younger Bell said.

*"He was a lawyer's lawyer."*

- Benny Hughes, Jr.  
Of Counsel, Orgain, Bell & Tucker

*"He was a man of honesty and integrity. He stood up for his clients and their rights. He would get off a case if it did not meet his standards."*

- Gilbert "Buddy" Low, Partner, Orgain, Bell & Tucker