

## **Biographical Statement of Ray Taylor**

Ray Taylor was born 24 August 1943 in Hydro, Oklahoma . He grew up in San Antonio, Texas.

Between 1961 and 1965, Mr. Taylor's hobby was amateur boxing. He comprised a record of 49 wins, 2 losses, scoring 11 knock outs. At his best, he was ranked number three in the State of Texas, in amateur boxing.

Besides winning the Golden Glove Championship...

Mr. Taylor entered college in 1962, and acquired an Associate of Arts, and an Associates of Science (in Chemistry and Biology) from San Antonio College. In 1966 he graduated from St. Mary's University with honors, including dean's list and Honor Fraternity. In law school, Phi Delta Phi legal, honor fraternity, and other honors.

In 1969 Mr. Taylor graduated from St. Mary's Law School, where he was a member of the Law Review, Phi Delta Phi Legal Honor Fraternity, with Sergeant Arms of the Student Bar Association, and a Research Fellow for the American Bar Association on the 1969 redraft of the Cannons of Ethics.

He then volunteered for the United States Army, and in 1969 graduated from the Judge Advocate General School located at the University of Virginia, where he was licensed to practice for the United States Court of Military Criminal Appeals.

Immediately from graduating from the Judge Advocate General School located at the University of Virginia School of Law. In December of 1969, Mr. Taylor was licensed before the United States Court of Criminal Military Appeals.

After I graduated, Mr. Taylor briefly participated as a research-investigator in the well known "Mei Lai-Lieutenant Calley" murder case, but was transferred to Vietnam prior to the trial.

Mr. Taylor volunteered for duty in Vietnam and was assigned to the First Calvary Division (air mobile). He served as a Trial Lawyer with the first Cavalry Division (they were mobile) and later was a Federal Commissioner (magistrate) for Vietnam, judging approximately 600 cases.

It was in Vietnam that Mr. Taylor learned to try complex criminal cases.

His experience judging cases gave him judicial insight on how to approach legal issues.

After serving in Vietnam, Mr. Taylor was chief defense counsel at Brook Army Medical Center, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

In 1972, Mr. Taylor was honorably discharged from the United States Army at the rank of captain. He then began a law practice in his home town of San Antonio.

The State of Texas began a Board Certification (certificate of special competence) program in the mid 70's, and Mr. Taylor was among the first to become Board Certified in Criminal Law.

He eventually became an instructor at the course required of those seeking Board Certification.

During the late 70's, partially as a result of his representation of attorneys in grievance proceedings, Mr. Taylor became interested in the civil aspects of criminal representation. He was eventually Board Certified in Civil Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, and eventually became Board Certified in Criminal Trial Advocacy by the National Board of Trial Advocacy in both Criminal Trial Advocacy and Civil Trial Advocacy. He is the only lawyer in Texas to have qualified and passed both exams.

The emphasis of Mr. Taylor's practice between 1972 to the present has been criminal defense.

In the late 70's, Mr Taylor became interested in the defense of attorneys charged with ethical, criminal, and fraud misconduct, and became active in defending lawyers in grievance and disciplinary proceedings. This remains an active part of his practice to this day.

Since the 1970's, Mr. Taylor has been an active speaker for various State Bar programs, usually teaching on the subject of Legal Ethics or Criminal Law. In recent years, his trial schedule has reduced his availability for speaking at programs.

Mr. Taylor has been a moderator-speaker at seminars such as, *The Lawyer Liability Seminar* a seminar dedicated to the legal problems lawyers have. Mr. Taylor was also the speaker on *Defending Disbarment Suits*, as well as the author of the written materials.

During this time frame, Mr. Taylor concentrated his practice on the defense of narcotics cases, and lawyers accused of criminal or ethical misconduct.

He eventually wrote a book on the subject, and has been honored to represent many lawyers before many grievance committees.

Due to Mr. Taylor's background in Science, he is particularly interested in the use of scientific principles in the defense of criminal cases

In 1983, Mr. Taylor received national attention for his successful defense of "*The San Antonio's Ski Mask Rapist*" a case which had attracted national attention. The defendant Joseph Frank Smith was suspected in approximately 325 rapes and was indicted on multiple rape charges.

At a jury trial, the jury sentenced Mr. Smith to 10 years probation, together with treatment

for his sexual disorder by means of “Depo-Provera”: Medoxy Progesterone Acetate.

His successful defense of this sex offender brought him national attention, and he was profiled on “60 minutes”. Representation of those accused of sexual misconduct remains a large part of his practice to this day.

After this case, Mr. Taylor wrote “Representing Sex Offenders”.

Between 1980 and 1992, Mr. Taylor was to publish 7 seven law books, all published by Bancroft Whitney in the Model Trial Series.

Mr. Taylor maintains an interest in the vigorous defense of sex related and computer related criminal cases.

Mr. Taylor is a diplomat of the American Board of Professional Liability Attorneys.

He has represented defendants in North Carolina, Oklahoma, California, Alabama, New York, Illinois, Tennessee, Iowa, Indiana, usually in Federal Court. The bulk of his practice is in State Court Criminal Court.

Mr. Taylor has tried a very wide variety of cases, from Courts Martial for illegal interstate transportation of nuclear isotopes to murder, including malpractice cases, disbarment suits, fraud and deceptive trade practice cases, insurance fraud cases, many firearms related cases, and of course, sex and drug cases.

### **Awards & Honors**

Mr. Taylor is a recipient of very prestigious honors and awards.

Out of the 76,032 lawyers licensed in the State of Texas as of mid 2005, only about 620 are Board Certified in Criminal Law.

As of mid 2005, approximately 32 lawyers are Board Certified in the State of Texas by the Board Certified in Criminal Trial Advocacy by the National Board of Trial Advocacy.

At that time, Mr. Taylor was the only Texas attorney Board Certified in both Civil Trial Advocacy and Criminal Trial Advocacy by the National Board of Trial Advocacy.

Mr. Taylor is the only attorney in the United States to have had seven “model trials” selected for publication by the prestigious Bancroft Whitney’s Model Trial Series.

He won the Lawyers’s Cooperative Publishing Company Am. Jur. Award for conspicuous contribution to legal literature.

Mr. Taylor is a recipient of the Bancroft Whitney Award for conspicuous contribution to legal literature in 1980 and 1999.

In 1999, a Texas Bar Foundation award for outstanding legal periodical article “When Your Client Really Need Probation”.

In 2004 the Mr. Taylor was recognized as one of America’s preeminent attorney’s for high professional legal standards, ethics, and trial results. The Martindale-Hubell Bar Register is limited to only the most distinguished law practices.

Mr. Taylor has been an active trial lawyer for 38 years. He has made several television appearances.

Mr. Taylor very much enjoys trying cases in small towns, in rural America, as well as major cities.

Mr. Taylor is licensed by the following jurisdictions:

1. Supreme Court of Texas
2. United States Court of Military Criminal Appeals
3. The Western District of Texas (Federal Court)
4. The Fifth Federal Appellate Circuit
5. The Eleventh Federal Appellate Circuit
6. The United States Supreme Court
7. Licensed in the Southern District of Texas
8. Licensed in the Northern District in New York, and Northern District of Illinois
9. Southern District of California

Mr. Taylor is a member of the following organizations:

1. MENSA
2. Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association
3. San Antonio Criminal Defense Lawyer’s Association
4. San Antonio Arms Collectors Association, where he served as president

Mr. Taylor has always maintained a ready willingness to thoroughly prepare and to vigorously try criminal and civil defense cases.

Under preparation with Phil Spicer, is an article for the Texas Bar Journal, “The Crimes Lawyers Commit”. A statistical study of what crimes lawyers get convicted of.

