

## RESUME

Al Ellis  
*Of Counsel*  
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Date of Birth: August 26, 1943  
Spouse: Sandra (Sandy) Lee Ellis  
Children: Joshua Kyle Ellis,  
Mike Fahey, Jennifer Glasser

### Education:

South Oak Cliff High School  
Dallas, Texas; with honors--1961

University of Texas  
Arlington, Texas; with honors--1965

Southern Methodist University  
Law School  
Dallas, Texas--1971  
Journal of American Law & Commerce  
Barristers  
Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity

### Military Service:

United States Army Airborne/  
Infantry 1965-1969  
Honorable Discharge  
Rank on Discharge--Captain  
Assignments:  
Dominican Republic  
Fort Bragg, North Carolina  
Republic of Vietnam

### Practice:

Federal Courts in the Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Western Districts of Texas, Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals; United States Supreme Court; Certified Specialist Civil and Personal Injury Trial Law--Texas Board of Legal Specialization (Founding Member, 40 years); Certified Trial and Pre-Trial Advocate--National Board of Trial Advocacy. Tried over 175 jury trials. Mediator. Martindale-Hubbell rated AV Preeminent for 35 years.

### Professional Activities:

International Academy of Trial Lawyers  
Community Outreach Facilitator, UNT Dallas School of Law (part time)  
UNTD College of Law L.A. Bedford Mentor (2014-present)  
Million Dollar Advocates Forum  
National Association of Distinguished Counsel (Top One Percent)  
Top American Lawyer (Top One Percent)  
Lawyers of Distinction (Top Ten Percent)  
Top Ten Attorneys Personal Injury-Texas American Institute of Personal/Injury Attorneys  
America's Top 100 Attorneys Northern Texas  
Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism (Chair 2003-2005)  
Dallas Bar Association (Board of Directors 1978, 1980-1988; Chairman of the Board, 1986;  
Vice-President 1987 & 1988; President-Elect 1989; President 1990)  
Diplomate, American Board of Trial Advocates (Secretary/Treasurer, 1998; President-Dallas Chapter, 1999;  
National Board of Directors, 2009-2010)  
W. M. "Mac" Taylor, Jr., American Inn of Court  
Dallas Trial Lawyers Association (President 1977)  
Texas Trial Lawyers Association (Board of Directors 1976-1983, 2005-2010)  
Sustaining Life Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation (2009-secured \$1.2 million in new Fellow pledges)  
Senior Life Fellow, American Board of Trial Advocates Foundation

Life Patron Fellow, Dallas Bar Foundation (Board of Trustees 1990-1997)  
 Life Fellow, Dallas Association of Young Lawyers Foundation  
 American Association for Justice  
 Trial Lawyers for Public Justice  
 Pro Bono College of State Bar of Texas (Charter Member)  
 College of State Bar of Texas (Past Board of Directors)  
 J. L. Turner Legal Association  
 Dallas Hispanic Bar Association  
 Dallas Association of Asian American Lawyers  
 Dallas Women Lawyers Association  
 State Bar of Texas (Board of Directors 1991-1994; Executive Committee 1992-94; frequent lecturer and committee service)

**Professional Activities (Past):**

SBOT District 6 Grievance Committee  
 Chair, Dallas Bar Association Carter Work Project/Habitat for Humanity Task Force  
 SMU Law School Trial Advocacy Instructor  
 TMCA Credentialed Advanced Mediator  
 Editorial Committee, “Quest For Justice: Louis A. Bedford, Jr. And The Struggle For Equal Rights In Texas” (2008)  
 Editorial Committee, “Indomitable Sarah: The Life of Judge Sarah T. Hughes” (2006)  
 Board of Directors, Law Focused Education, Inc. (President, 1984-1991)  
 Texas Commission for Lawyer Discipline (1999-2005)  
 Board of Directors, Legal Services of North Texas (1976-1977; 1992-1994)  
 Board of Directors, Texas Legal Services Center  
 Board of Directors, Dallas Legal Hospice (Secretary, 1991)  
 Board of Directors, Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation (IOLTA)  
 ABA Special Committee on Youth Education for Citizenship (1986-1996; Chair 1994-1996)  
 Dallas Bar Association Courts and Courts Facilities Department  
 Board of Directors, Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law of Texas  
 Chair, Dallas Bar Association Task Force on Professionalism  
 Candidate for President-Elect, Texas Young Lawyers Association (1979)  
 Dallas Committee for a Qualified Judiciary (Secretary/Treasurer 1991-1994)  
 Guest Lecturer for Law Focused Education Teacher Training Summer Seminars 1975 to 1977, 1997

**Community Activities (Past and Present):**

Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity Core Volunteer (1991-present)  
 Board of Directors, Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity (1999-2002, 2005-2008)  
 Dallas Habitat for Humanity House Party Chair (2001-2005)  
 Habitat for Humanity Jimmy/Rosalynn Carter Work Project (Georgia, Mississippi, Viet Nam, Haiti, Dallas)  
 Salesmanship Club (Member 1981-Present; Camp Board 1983, 1987-1989, 1995)  
 Tournament Director, Dallas Regional Golden Gloves Tournament, (1976-1996)  
 Past President, Dallas Council on Alcoholism  
 Past President, Dallas All Sports Association  
 Dallas Assembly  
 Leadership Dallas (1977-1978)  
 Member, City of Dallas Urban Rehabilitation Standards Board (1988-93)  
 Board of Trustees, Historic Preservation League  
 Mayor's Child Care Task Force

Mayor's Task Force on Adolescent Health and School Age Pregnancy  
 Dallas Motion Picture Classification Board (1985-1987)  
 City of Dallas Fund Solicitation Board (1987-1988)  
 Government and Law Magnet D.I.S.D. (Chairman, 1981-1987)  
 D.I.S.D. Police Academy Task Force  
 Dallas Jaycees 1972-1980 (Board of Directors 1973-1974; Vice President 1974-1975; Legal Counsel, 1975-1976)  
 Jaycee Park Recreation Center Advisory Committee (1974-1976)  
 Board of Directors, Southwest Allied Youth (1976-1977)  
 Chair, Skyline High School Man and His Environment Advisory Committee  
 Advisory Council, Dallas Area Agency on Aging (1975-1977)  
 Goals for Dallas--Public Safety Committee  
 Fair Campaign Practices Committee (1973-1975)  
 D.I.S.D. Community Advisory Committee on Discipline

### **Awards & Honors:**

2019-Dallas Bar Association "Al Ellis" Community Involvement Award  
 2017-Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award – Who's Who  
 2017-Legal Legend – DBA Transition to Law Practice  
 2016-Morris Harrell Professionalism Award – Dallas Bar Association and Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism  
 2015-"Best Lawyers in Dallas" – ADR/Mediation – D Magazine  
 2014-Presidential Citation – Dallas Bar Association  
 2013-Dallas Habitat for Humanity Mary Brock Award  
 2013-Dallas Bar Association Martin Luther King, Jr. Justice Award  
 2013-University of Texas Arlington Department of Military Science Hall of Honor  
 2012-Dallas Minority Attorney Program Legacy Award  
 2011-University of Texas Arlington Distinguished Alumni  
 2011-Dallas Habitat for Humanity 20 Year Service Award  
 2010-Jim D. Bowmer Professionalism Award-College of the State Bar of Texas  
 2010-Dallas Lawyers Auxiliary Justinian Award for longstanding volunteer service  
 2009-J.L. Turner Legal Association C.B. Bunkley Community Service Award  
 2009-Dallas Habitat for Humanity Family Services Award  
 2007–Named as one of 500 Leading Plaintiffs' Lawyers in America by Lawdragon  
 2007–Judith Sinclair Radman Award from William "Mac" Taylor Inn of Court for the "highest standards of public service and professionalism"  
 2004–DAYL Foundation Excellence in Profession Award  
 2003-2017-"The Best Lawyers in America"  
 2003–2017–"Super Lawyers" - Texas Monthly Magazine  
 2003-Dallas Habitat for Humanity Hero  
 2003–Texas Bar Foundation Dan R. Price Memorial Award  
 2003–"Best Lawyers in Dallas: Plaintiff Personal Injury" - D Magazine  
 Who's Who in Finance and Business, in the World, in American Law, in America, in the South and Southwest, in Texas  
 1996–Nominee, United States President's Service Award  
 1996–Nancy Garms Memorial Award for Outstanding Contribution to Law Focused Education  
 1996–Leon Jaworski Award for Teaching Excellence, Law Focused Education, Inc.  
 1995–KRLD NewsRadio 1080 Citizen of the Week, July 5, 1995  
 1994--State Bar of Texas Opportunities for Minorities in the Profession Commission Excellence in Diversity

## Award

1994--Outstanding Third Year Director, Board of Directors, State Bar of Texas  
1994--Judge Sam Williams Local Bar Leadership Award for Outstanding Contribution to the State Bar of Texas  
1993--Dallas All Sports Association Distinguished Service Award  
1993--Dallas Business Journal's Community Spirit Award  
1991--Dallas Business Journal/Who's Who in Law  
1990--Legal Services of North Texas Outstanding Service Award  
1990--Dallas Trial Lawyers Association Distinguished Community Involvement Award  
1971-1989--Recipient of eight Certificates of Appreciation from Superintendent of Schools, D.I.S.D.  
1983--Certificate of Appreciation for Exceptional and Distinguished Volunteer Service from Governor Mark

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1979--Dallas Jaycees Distinguished Service Award  
1978--Dallas Association of Legal Secretaries Boss of the Year  
1977--Dallas County Young Lawyer of the Year  
1977--Outstanding Young Men of America  
1975--1976 Dallas Jaycees Hayward McMurray Award  
1972--Wall Street Journal Award, SMU Law School  
1971--Student Chief Counsel, SMU Legal Clinic