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Robert Harms Bliss an attorney in Dallas, Texas, is board certified in civil trial law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and has been a civil trial and appellate lawyer for 42 years and has over thirty appellate and reported decisions. Although his trial and appellate experience had been in the field of business litigation, the focus of his practice has concerned complex real property cases.

Mr. Bliss received his B.A. from the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, and his Juris Doctor in 1967 from the University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas. While at the University of Texas School of Law, Mr. Bliss was a Quizmaster (teaching assistant), a Teaching Quizmaster, a Senior Teaching Quizmaster, and received the Outstanding Teaching Quizmaster Award.

Robert Harms Bliss is a member of the American College of Real Estate Attorneys, is a past Chair of the Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section of the State Bar of Texas, is past President of the Real Property Section of the Dallas Bar Association and was a member of the Real Estate Forms Committee of the State Bar of Texas from 1991 - 2007. In 2002, Texas Lawyer selected him as one of the five "top notch" real estate lawyers in the state of Texas. Texas Monthly magazine has named Mr. Bliss a "Texas Super Lawyer" every year from 2003 to date, and he serves on the selection panel for Texas Super Lawyers. Mr. Bliss is a member of the Association of Attorney-Mediators (past president of the North Texas Chapter), the National Arbitration Forum, the Academy of Court-Appointed Masters, and is listed in Who's Who in America and Who's Who Legal, and The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers.

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- **Special Master.** For approximately two years, served as special master in the case of *TransAmerican Natural Gas Corporation v. El Paso Natural Gas Company, Meridian Oil, Inc., Burlington Northern, Inc., Burlington Resources, Inc., Richard M. Bressler, Travis H. Petty, William A. Wise, Oscar S. Wyatt, The Coastal Corporation, and Coastal Oil and Gas Corporation*, No. 96-06635-E, in the 101st Judicial District Court of Dallas County, Texas. He has also served as court appointed monitor.
- **Mediation.** Conducted over 580 court annexed mediations since 1990.

- Arbitration.** Served as arbitrator in over 135 cases.

Seminars and Publications

- Faculty: University of Texas School of Law The Leasing Institute 2004, 2005, 2007 (Course Director), and 2009 (Course Director).
- Faculty: American College of Real Estate Lawyers Spring meeting 2005 and 2007.
- Faculty: State Bar of Texas Advanced Real Estate Drafting Course 1995, 2000, 2001, 2002 (Course Director), and 2004.
- Faculty: University of Texas School of Law Mortgage Lending Institute 1994, 1997, 1998, and 1999.
- Faculty: State Bar of Texas Advanced Real Estate Law Course 1975, 1985, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2000, and 2009.
- Faculty: Southern Methodist University School of Law Continuing Legal Education Series on Real Estate Law (Leases in Depth) 1989, 1992, 1994, 1997, 1998), and 1999.
- Faculty: CLE International 1993, 2000 and 2001.
- Speaker State Bar of Texas Convention (Real Estate Probate & Trust Law Section) 1988, 1995, 1996, and 2000.
- Faculty: State Bar of Texas Advanced Real Estate Transactions Course 1997 and 2007.
- Faculty: State Bar of Texas Real Estate Litigation Institute 1996.
- Speaker: Dallas Bar Association, Real Property Section April 10, 1989, and September 9, 1996.
- Faculty: State Bar of Texas Advanced Annual ADR Institute 1993.
- Author: "Labor's Plant Closure Pains", 24 SOUTHWESTERN LAW JOURNAL 259 1970.

Civic Activities

- Governor's Task Force on Immigration (1983 - 84).
- Texas Real Estate Commission (1983 - 87).
- Texas Real Estate Research Center Advisory Board at Texas A&M University (1985 - 87).
- Dallas Symphony Orchestra Association, Board of Governors (1975 - 76).
- Dallas Symphony Orchestra Guild, Board of Directors (1974 - 1987), Chairman (1977 - 79).
- Dallas Classic Guitar Society, Board of Directors (1981 - 1991).
- Episcopal Diocese of Dallas, Church Attorney (1997 - present).
- Board of Visitors of McDonald Observatory, University of Texas (2007 - present).