

## Pat Alison



Pat Allison, who was named the Women and the Law Section's first Texas Trailblazer, has been Board Certified in Oil, Gas and Mineral Law since 1988 and is the first and only person in this specialization area to be chosen as a Director of the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, a position she currently holds. She has been actively involved in many legal professional organizations, having served as President, Vice President of Model Contracts, Vice President of Education and Director of the U.S. Chapter of the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators, an organization of over 4500 members from more than 90 countries. She was twice awarded its Member of the Year Award. Pat has also served as Chair of the Houston Bar Association Oil, Gas and Mineral Law Section and as a member of the Executive Committee of the Institute for Energy Law of the Center for American and International Law and Chair of its Oil and Gas Practice Committee.

Other activities have included serving as a Section Representative to the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors and a member of the SBOT's Continuing Legal Education Committee. She has served as Chair of the SBOT Corporate Counsel Section and currently serves as the Chair of its Pro Bono and Grants Committee. She is particularly pleased that the section has made approximately \$437,000 in grants, mostly to Texas pro bono legal organizations, in the time she has served on the Corporate Counsel Section Council. In May 2014, she was presented an award for 18 years of "outstanding service and leadership" to the section. Additionally, Pat currently serves as a Director of The Beacon, the non-profit organization devoted to Houston's homeless and those in unstable housing conditions and is the Chair of its pro bono legal services sustainability committee.

For many years Pat was the Managing Partner of the firm Allison and Shoemaker, which was certified as a Woman-Owned Business. She has also served as a Vice President, General Counsel and Assistant General Counsel of a number of energy companies. A member of the Women and the Law Section for many years, Pat enjoys mentoring women law students and young professionals. Together with her husband Bill Allison, also an attorney, she has three daughters and two grandchildren. She is particularly happy they all live in Houston, where she can see them often.