

## TEXAS LAW REVIEW IMPACT

My membership on the Texas Law Review in the Class of 1970 had a profound, but somewhat unusual impact on my future career. Because being drafted for the Vietnam War was inevitable when I started law school in 1967, I enrolled in a two-year Army ROTC program during my law school years in order to be an officer in the Army. Since this program required me to attend summer camps during my time in law school, I did not have the opportunity to participate in clerkship programs at large Houston law firms during the summer before my third year in law school.

Don Bowen, who tragically died of pancreatic cancer many years ago, became a very good friend of mine in law school, primarily because we were serving together as Casenote Editors for the 1969-1970 Law Review edition. While Don and I had decided during the spring of our second year in law school to join another law firm in Houston, he had already accepted a clerkship at Baker Botts during the summer of 1969. When he returned to Austin from the clerkship and I had finished my ROTC summer camp, he reported that he had decided to accept an offer from Baker Botts because of the many outstanding trial lawyers he had met. Since I was also interested in doing trial work, he strongly encouraged me to interview with Baker Botts and made the necessary arrangements.

After visiting with a number of the trial lawyers at the firm in Houston, I decided that Baker Botts would be the best place for me to begin my law practice. Thus, my friendship with Don on the Law Review caused me to choose the law firm where I had many wonderful experiences during the first twenty years of my legal career. There's no way to know what my life would have been like if I had joined another firm.

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