

SAM J. CHASE

A native of Abilene, **Sam J. Chase** received his **Bachelor of Business Administration** in August 1969 and his **Doctor of Jurisprudence** in 1972 from **Texas Tech University**. He is a member of the Texas Tech Varsity Club Letterman's Assoc., past president of the Texas Tech Alumni Association in Abilene, past District Representative for West Texas, and has been Alumni President and Housing Corporation President for the Texas Tech Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity. Chase is a member of the Texas Tech Chancellor's Council and a Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation.

After graduation from Tech, Chase returned home to Abilene to practice law and get involved in community activities. In addition to his many civic endeavors, Chase is actively involved in local and state political issues and campaigns. He served two terms as one of five members for the State of Texas for the Texas Crime Stoppers Advisory Council by appointment of Governor William P. Clements, served on the AISD Facility Planning Committee, the Long Range Community Needs Planning Committee by appointment of Mayor Gary McCaleb and served on the board of the Abilene Association of Independent Business Owners and as Past President of the Ft. Phantom Lake Association. Chase previously served as Co-Chairman of the Policy and By Law Committee that drafted the original operating procedures for the Economic Development Corporation of Abilene (DCOA), the 1st of its kind in the State of Texas.

Chase joined the Abilene Junior Chamber (Jaycees) in 1972, his resume lists numerous awards from the Local, State and National organization including a JCI Senatorship and the United States Jaycee Recruiter's Hall of Fame. In 1983, he was elected as the 57th President of the Texas Jaycees and led his 263 chapters to be recognized as the #1 State in community involvement and membership growth each month for the entire year. As a result he was honored with the coveted Clayton Frost Memorial Award by the United States Junior Chamber as one of the Five Outstanding Presidents in the nation.

Chase is recognized as the Founder of the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Forum, having been actively involved in its conception and development and having served many years as Chairman of the Shepperd Public Leadership Institute Advisory Council at UTPB. Chase served as President of the Abilene Young Lawyers Association and on the Texas Young Lawyers Association Board of Directors. He was named as the Outstanding Young Lawyer of Abilene in 1984. In addition, he has served as an active member and officer of the Board of Directors of many local civic organizations including the American Cancer Society, Crime Stoppers, Boys & Girls Club, Pastoral Care and Counseling Center, Convention and Visitors Bureau, Abilene Preservation League, Steering Committee for the Grace Museum, Little League, YMCA Indian Princess Program and Leadership Abilene.

Chase is a former Chairman of the Texas Jaycee Foundation and Vice Chairman of the United States Jaycee Foundation Board of Trustees in Tulsa, Oklahoma and has been honored for his community involvement by being inducted into the USJC's Hall of Leadership in 2000. In 2001 and 2006, Chase was honored with the Readers Choice Award as Best Attorney by the Abilene Reporter News, and has attended the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Penn. Chase served two terms (2005-2009) as a member of the City Council in his hometown of Abilene, Texas.

Currently, Chase serves as a founding member of the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute at UTPB, the Abilene Youth Sports Authority Board, the Safety City Board of Directors and Ft. Phantom Lake Association Board.

Sam and his wife, Linda, have been happily married 50 years, residing in Abilene, Texas, where they enjoy hunting with their pointer dogs, sailing, living and entertaining at the Lake. They are blessed with two children. Their daughter Heather lives in Ft. Sill, Oklahoma with husband Jim Bailey and daughters Laurel (a freshman at Texas Tech) and Leann. Heather has her B.S.N. from Texas Tech while Jim, a Tech graduate also, is a Colonel in the U.S. Army. Their son Hunter is also a Texas Tech graduate and is a home builder in Frisco, Texas, with Highland Homes. He is married to another Texas Tech graduate, the former Amanda Clements. Together they have two sons, Stone and Grant.