James W. Dinkins '68

Jimmy Dinkins came to Sam Houston State after graduating from Conroe High School in 1964. He was in the Corps his first 2 years and was also in the Corps Band. After graduating in 1968, Jimmy was drafted and served in Military Intelligence in Southeast Asia.

After leaving active duty in 1970, he embarked on a career in business and government, which included Municipal Judge for the City of Cut and Shoot and 15 years as Montgomery County Precinct 2 Judge. He continues to operate Dinkins Real Estate as a Broker, Appraiser, Consultant, and Arbitrator, and also serves the Comptroller's Office of the State of Texas as an Arbitrator.

During his career, he has received graduate study and continuing education courses at SHSU, Southwest Texas State University, University of Nevada-Reno, University of Houston, Tulane University, Houston Community College, East Texas State University, and the Dispute Resolution Center of Montgomery County.

Besides serving on the Board of Directors of the SHSU Military Science Alumni Club, Judge Dinkins has been, and continues to be involved in various organizations, such as:

Montgomery County Appraisal Review Board: Director

Justice of the Peace & Constable's Association of Texas: Life Member, Served as President

Commissioner on the Texas Commission of Judicial Conduct

Texas Association of Counties: Life Member, Served as Vice-President

Council of the Judiciary of the Supreme Court of Texas for Continuing Education

Texas Justice Court Education Advisory Board: Chairman

Conroe Noon Lions Club: Served as Director and Lion of the Year

Commercial Real Estate Association of Montgomery County

Friends of Conroe: Charter Board Member

Montgomery County Board of Realtors

Texas Association of Realtors

Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce

V. G. Young Institute of County Government, Texas A&M University: Board Member

Conroe Area Youth Baseball: Director

Conroe Youth Sports Association: Director

Conroe High School Basketball Boosters: President

Conroe High School All Sports Association: Secretary

Woodranch Farms Property Owner's Association: President

American Legion Post 411: Commander, Life Member

American Legion, Department of Texas, Division 2: Judge Advocate, Chaplain, National Defense Committee

American Legion, Gavel Club, Life Member

Sigma Phi Epsilon Alumni Association--Texas Eta: President, Board Member

Admiral, Texas Navy

Montgomery County Fair Association: Life Member

Sam Houston State University Alumni Association: Life Member

Sam Houston State University, Bay Area Alumni Club: President

Veterans Administration Outpatient Clinic, Advisory Board Member

Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie 3719, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President, Chairman-Board of Trustees

BayVue Methodist Church, Chairman-Board of Trustees

Bolivar Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

Bolivar Peninsula AARP

Lighthouse Krewe, Duke, King

Judge Dinkins currently resides in Crystal Beach, TX.

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