

**Benny McMahan**

President/CEO

Active in the real estate business since 1961 as both a broker and Realtor association executive, Benny McMahan was named President/CEO of the Texas Association of Realtors in 1990.

McMahan began his career in Dallas, founding a residential real estate firm while simultaneously playing an

active role with the Greater Dallas Association of Realtors. In 1976, McMahan served as president of the association and, in 1977, was selected as Dallas Realtor of the Year. In 1981 McMahan was elected president of the Texas Association of Realtors and was named the Texas Realtor of the Year in 1984. In 1982 McMahan became the executive vice president of the Greater Dallas Association of Realtors. McMahan's achievements at the Dallas association earned him the honor of outstanding local association executive in the state, and he was presented with the Texas Association of Realtors Tom D. Morton award.

He left Dallas for Austin in 1990 to accept the state association's top staff position, president/CEO. During his term as CEO, the Texas Association of Realtors membership base grew from 35,000 to more than 90,000 members statewide. McMahan helped spur the growth of



its political action committee (TREPAC) to the largest PAC in Texas, and established an Issues Mobilization PAC to address local and statewide concerns.

McMahan is also active in the National Association of Realtors. He served as the regional vice president for Texas and Louisiana in 1982. In 2007, McMahan was selected as the winner of the William R. Magel Award of Excellence. This prestigious award is presented annually to an individual who has truly excelled in their role as an association executive of a local or state association of Realtors.

In addition to his industry contributions, Benny McMahan is committed to community and civic endeavors. Since 1994, he has sat on the board of directors for the Texas Civil Justice League, the state's major tort reform organization and, since 2005, has served on its executive committee. Working on a major capitol fundraising project for the Central Texas Catholic Diocese, McMahan was instrumental in surpassing the group's campaign goal of \$45 million by raising approximately \$85 million. Recently McMahan was part of a group that chartered the first nationwide virtual credit union, Realtors Federal Credit Union, where he now serves as chairman of the supervisory committee. Benny McMahan's dedication to the real estate industry, civic, and community endeavors make him a valued and well-respected leader.