

Robert C. Bledsoe
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Robert C. Bledsoe grew up in Marfa, Texas, and graduated from New Mexico Military Institute in 1949. After serving two years in the U.S. Air Force, he earned his law degree from The University of Texas in 1955.

Bledsoe began his legal career in Houston before returning to the Permian Basin, practicing in Roswell, New Mexico, and later Midland. His work included developing the Prudhoe Bay Unit Agreement and Unit Operating Agreements for British Petroleum.

In 1974, he co-founded Cotton, Bledsoe, Tighe and Morrow, which grew into the Permian Basin's largest law firm. A respected authority on oil and gas law, Bledsoe was among the first Texas attorneys certified as a specialist in oil, gas, and mineral law. In 2008, he received the Texas Bar Foundation's Fifty-Year Lawyer Award in recognition of his dedication to the legal profession.

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