

# Appellate Justice in Houston Serving With Alzheimer's Disease, Records Show

The *Houston Chronicle* reports that an appeals court justice serving Southeast Texas continues to sit on the bench as she suffers from Alzheimer's disease, all while facing familial discord over the control of her \$8 million estate, court records show.

The *Chronicle's* **Samantha Ketterer** explains:

“Her sons launched an effort this month to become her legal guardians, alleging that Justice Laura Carter Higley, 72, is continuing with her daily routine in a manner contrary to the path of her failing cognitive health. That includes driving herself to work downtown and serving in her capacity on the First Court of Appeals based in Houston, said sons Garrett C. Higley and Robert Carter Higley.”

Documents filed in probate court indicate that she received an official diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease in October.

**Read the *Houston Chronicle* article.**