Dallas' Charla Aldous Earns Lifetime Achievement Award, Other Honors

Prominent trial lawyer **Charla Aldous** of Dallas' **Aldous\Walker** has been named one of 22 recipients of *Texas Lawyer* newspaper's 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award. The honorees are described by the legal news publication as lawyers "who have made their mark on the legal profession in the Lone Star State."

She also was named recently to the Board of Trustees for Austin College in Sherman, where she earned a B.A. in 1982. The Board of Trustees is responsible for all operations of the college located in Sherman. Aldous is recognized among the school's Distinguished Alumni.

"I am so honored to be able to serve Austin College, the place that set me on the path I'm on today," she says. "And I will always be grateful."

In addition to the *Texas Lawyer* and Austin College recognitions, the publishers of *D CEO* magazine named her as one of only six personal injury lawyers recognized in the *Dallas 500*, the inaugural publication devoted to the city's top business leaders from various industries. The list was compiled by *D CEO* after more than a year of research that included a review of corporate rankings, input from industry experts and analysts, and a final analysis by the publication's editors.

In a **profile story**, *Texas Lawyer* notes Aldous' history of commitment to underdogs facing long odds. Among the clients she has championed are:

- A group of 176 North Carolina residents challenging oil

giant Conoco over water contamination;

- A whistleblowing physician alleging billing fraud at Parkland Hospital;
- A Muslim physician claiming discrimination by the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, and;
- Dallas nurse Nina Pham, one of *Time* magazine's 2014 People of the Year. Ms. Pham says Texas Health Resources ignored warnings about the Ebola virus and contributed to her contracting the disease from Thomas Duncan, the first U.S. patient to die of Ebola.

"My office rarely lets me meet with new clients, because I want to represent them all," Ms. Aldous told *Texas Lawyer*. "They limit me to two crusade cases at a time where we know we're not going to make any money."

In a release, the firm said Aldous has tried nearly 200 cases, a record that has earned her admission to the highly selective Inner Circle of Advocates. She is one of only six Texas lawyers among the 100 active members and was the fourth woman admitted.

Aldous\Walker represents clients in general civil litigation, personal injury, medical malpractice, products liability and wrongful death lawsuits.