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TTARA honors Joe Baker with 2018 Del Threadgill Award

The Texas Taxpayers and Research Association (TTARA) at its annual meeting last week presented its top honor, the Del Threadgill Distinguished Tax Professional Award, to Joe Baker, a senior tax advisor, downstream property tax lead, for Shell Oil Company. He celebrated his 20-year anniversary with the company in September.

Baker has 28 years of experience in managing property tax matters and business incentives for complex industrial properties such as fuel refineries, lube plants, chemical plants, bulk terminals, FERC regulated and non-regulated pipelines, oil and gas mineral leases, oil shale projects and wind farms.

“Joe Baker has been an effective advocate for rational property tax policy in this state,” said TTARA President Dale Craymer. “All taxpayers – individuals and businesses alike – have benefitted from his efforts. He has been a valued contributor to TTARA’s work.”

Prior to Shell, Baker worked at KPMG (manager, state and local tax practice) and Marathon Oil Company (senior property tax representative). He earned a Bachelor of Science in accounting from McNeese State University.

He is an active member of TTARA’s Property Tax Committee (including the Incentives Workgroup) and chairs the Manufacturing Sub-Committee for the Texas Oil and Gas Association and the Property Tax Committee for the Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association. He is a certified member of the Institute of Professionals in Taxation and a licensed senior property tax consultant in Texas.

Since 2011, TTARA annually has presented the Del Threadgill Distinguished Tax Professional Award at its annual meeting to recognize the achievements of an employee whose work directly impacts his company’s tax liability – either in compliance, policy, legal or some other aspect of tax administration. The honoree shall have contributed to advancing the principles of fair state and local tax policy through participation in a professional tax organization, and must practice high standards of professionalism that are deserving of the recognition of their peers.

The award honors the late Delmer Ray Threadgill, former chairman of TTARA and vice president and director of tax services at J.C. Penney Company. Threadgill gave generously of his time to a number of tax organizations as well as his community and alma maters. He was a graduate of Southern Methodist University, which honors him with a scholarship fund, and received a master’s degree in accounting from The University of Texas.

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