



A long-standing legacy in shaping Texas fiscal policy

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## **TTARA honors Gene Doss with 2017 Del Threadgill Award**

The Texas Taxpayers and Research Association (TTARA) at its recent annual meeting presented its top honor, the 2017 Del Threadgill Distinguished Tax Professional Award, to Gene Doss, who recently retired as a tax manager with Entergy.

Based in the Houston area, Doss for more than 16 years filled various positions at Entergy all focused on the area of property taxation. For the past 10 years, he has focused on property taxation in Texas for the company's utility operations.

"Gene has been an active participant in TTARA committee meetings over the years, and TTARA and its members appreciate the countless hours he has spent understanding the issues related to Texas taxation, especially in the area of property taxes," said TTARA President Dale Craymer. "The input he has shared with TTARA and his colleagues has helped improve tax policy in our state."

Doss is a certified member of the Institute of Professionals in Taxation and holds a senior property tax consultant's license 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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