

Grassroots Focus on George Mackey January, 2008



George has been involved in Republican politics as an election judge, current Lincoln Council member, current President of the Southwest Republican Club, member of the Arlington Republican Club, and volunteer for Republican Party candidates for public office having served in phone banks, mailers, candidate receptions, and political fund raisers.

George is a native of San Antonio and has lived in Fort Worth over 30 years. A graduate of the University of Texas in Austin with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering, George worked for NASA at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, in the manned spacecraft program in the guidance and control division. He later joined the United States Air Force as an officer and worked as an engineer with the Titan II missile system, and related aircraft such as the B-52, F-102, F-105, and F-4 Phantom among others.

Upon completing his military career, he decided to go to law school in his hometown and graduated with a Juris Doctor Degree from St. Mary's University Law School and

was licensed to practice law in October 1974. He immediately went to work for Tim Curry in the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office as a prosecuting attorney where he prosecuted in several county criminal courts, the grand jury, and ultimately became a chief felony prosecutor in three different felony courts. He has been in private practice since 1983 representing clients in criminal law, family law, probate, guardianships, and personal injury cases. He is Board Certified in Criminal Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He was the lead attorney in the first DNA murder case in Texas (*Kelly v. State*, 824 S.W.2nd 568 (Tex. App., 1992)).

He has served his community in many different capacities as a member of the Rotary Club of Fort Worth, Advisory Council of the Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center, past chairman of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary fund raising committee, University of Texas Longhorn Foundation, and Travis Avenue Baptist Church Christian Task Force, Wills and Trust Committee, Christian Life Committee and former director of a Sunday School Department.

He is married to Paula Mackey, a lifelong resident of Fort Worth. Formerly the executive assistant to the President of Southwestern Bell Telephone in Texas, she is currently the treasurer of the Tarrant County Republican Party.

Paula and George are the proud parents of 14 year old Paul, a ninth grade student at Fort Worth Country Day, who is

active in football, lacrosse, and 8th grade state champion in wrestling.