



Bill Holston is a Dallas attorney. Since 1987, Bill has provided pro bono legal representation for political and religious asylum applicants from 20 countries in Immigration Court or before the Houston Asylum office. He has volunteered his services to HRI since the organization was founded in 2000. In 2005, Bill was awarded the Angel of Freedom Award by HRI because of his commitment to provide pro bono services to clients. Due to a generous gift from Charlie and Meredith Stimson, two of Bill's clients, HRI's pro bono program is named the William O. Holston, Jr., Pro Bono Program.

Since 1998, Bill has been a member of the Pro Bono College of the State Bar of Texas. He is also a member of and past chair of the Dallas Bar Association's Pro Bono Activities Committee. Bill is a member of the State Bar of Texas and Dallas Bar Association. Since 2008, he has been an avid mentor to young lawyers in the Dallas Bar Association's Transition to Law Committee.

Before becoming Executive Director of HRI, Bill was a partner in the Dallas law firm of Sullivan and Holston. In 1997, he received the Outstanding Political Asylum Lawyer Award from the Dallas Bar Association. In 2002, he received an award for Distinguished Pro Bono Service by the Dallas Bar Association's Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program. He has authored commentaries and editorials on human rights issues for KERA 90.1 FM and *The Dallas Morning News*.

Bill received his law degree from Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law and holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Texas at Dallas. He is admitted to practice in Texas, the U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. District Court for the Northern, Eastern, Southern, and Western Districts of Texas. In addition to being executive director, Bill is pleased to continue handling cases for our clients.