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**MARK MCPHERSON AWARDED
2011 WEATHERBIE WORKHORSE AWARD**

The Weatherbie Workhorse Award is given annually to one attorney who - for years, even decades - has been a stalwart of real estate continuing legal education (CLE) courses without seeking - or receiving - recognition for his or her contributions. This is an attorney who quietly and consistently makes quality contributions to the continuing legal education of the Real Estate Bar. The recipient is an attorney who always says “yes” when asked, and who always makes the profession proud. The recipient need not be the top speaker or the top writer in any year. The recipient need not be active on CLE planning committees, or have chaired a CLE course. The recipient need not be active in the Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law section of the State Bar of Texas (REPTL) or on other State Bar committees. He or she must not be a candidate for REPTL’s annual Lifetime Achievement Award. Simply, the recipient is a volunteer speaker and author on whom the profession has come to depend.

Each year the Course Director of the Advanced Real Estate Law Course (TexasBarCLE) selects a committee to make this and other annual awards. As Course Director in 2011, Mark McPherson selected a geographically diverse set of individuals from the course’s planning committee, including himself. Unbeknownst to Mr. McPherson, these individuals then excluded Mr. McPherson from their decision making process over the 2011 Weatherbie Workhorse Award, and privately chose Mr. McPherson, the first time the Course Director has received this award in the same year.

The Weatherbie Workhorse Award was created in 2002 and named after Dallas attorney David Weatherbie, a volunteer extraordinaire, who for years masterfully presented the annual real estate case law update with style and humor, often repeating his presentations at local bar associations around Texas, as well as at the TexasBarCLE’s annual advanced programs.

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