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Blake Arata

On Monday, June 18, 2018, Blake G. Arata was posthumously awarded the Professional Landmen’s Association of New Orleans (PLANO) Lifetime Achievement Award. PLANO was formed in 1953 to promote and advance the art and science of the professional landman.

Blake dedicated his life to practicing law in the firm he co-founded in 1970 and loved. For over half a century, he was renowned as one of Louisiana's premier oil and gas attorneys, both in the boardroom and in the courtroom. He was also the consummate title examiner; his opinions rivaled Faberge's eggs in their elegance. With a surgeon's precision and an artist's eye, he crafted opinions that always hit the mark while short, easy to follow and devoid of fluff.

Blake proudly served New Orleans as its City Attorney from 1970-1975 and admirably served his country on active duty in the United States Navy and as lieutenant commander in the United States Naval Reserve. Blake passed away last year.

Cynthia A. Nicholson and Michael P. Arata accepted the award on behalf of their father, Blake Arata, as well as Members of the law firm of Gordon Arata Montgomery Barnett. Pictured below are (standing from left to right) Margaret “Peggy” Welsh, Michael P. Arata, Cynthia A. Nicholson, Scott A. O’Connor and (seated from left to right) Amy D. Gautreaux and Marion W. Weinstock.



PLANO also recognized Cynthia A. Nicholson for her service and contributions as President for the 2017-2018 term.

