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## Legendary Attorney: Richard 'Racehorse' Haynes

*Houston, Texas – April 28, 2017* – It is with a sad heart that Harris County Criminal Lawyers Association acknowledges the passing of legendary attorney Richard “Racehorse” Haynes. Racehorse was born in San Antonio in 1927 and lived to be 90. He is considered to be the father of the defense bar in Harris County and one of the most publicly recognized defense attorneys in the nation.

Numerous Judges and Lawyers knew him and studied under him. He is a cultural icon in the criminal justice world. Racehorse was a United States Marine who served in World War II and participated in the Battle of Iwo Jima at the age of 17. He was a dramatic lawyer in the courtroom going so far as to almost nailing a real nail through his own head in front of the jury.

Racehorse was involved with many landmark cases such as the State of Texas v. John Hill, which became the basis for the book *Blood and Money*. In addition to other notable clients such as Fort Worth millionaire Cullen Davis, he also represented the famous kissing bandit Morganna.

**To honor his life and his passing, HCCLA respectfully requests that the flags at the Courthouses be flown at half staff today.**

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