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Rated “AV” and recognized by *Martindale-Hubbell* in *Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers* for 24 consecutive years (1999-2025). Named one of *Texas Super Lawyers* each year since 2003; Name “2022 Baylor Lawyer of the Year” (the first for a criminal defense lawyer). Heiskell is a Fellow of the *American College of Trial Lawyers* an elite, invitation only group of the top litigators in the U.S. and Canada. Heiskell is also a Fellow of the *American Board of Criminal Lawyers*—also an invitation only group of the nation’s top criminal defense lawyers. He is a member of the *Sarah T. Hughes Federal Criminal Law Inns of Court* as a Masters of the Bench. Heiskell is also an adjunct professor at Baylor Law School.

Practice Area: Criminal Law (White Collar); Securities Law; Administrative, and Civil Rights

Admitted: 1974, Texas; U.S. District Court, Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of Texas; U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth and Federal Circuits; U.S. Supreme Court

Law School: Baylor University, J.D., 1974

College: Baylor University, B.A., 1972

Member: Past President of *National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL)*; White Collar Crime Committee of NACDL, Vice-Chair of NACDL’s Foundation for Criminal Justice (“NFCJ”); Former Member, Board of Trustees of the *Texas Bar Foundation* and Executive Committee Member; Past-Chair, *U.S. Court Advisory Committee, Northern District of Texas*; *Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers* (Past President); *Tarrant County Criminal Defense Lawyers* (Past President); former member of the Board of Directors of the *Tarrant County Bar Association*; 2011 Course Director of the *State Bar of Texas’ Advanced Criminal Law Course*; In 2026, Heiskell will be a Course Director for TCDLA’s “*Rusty Duncan*” *Advanced Criminal Law Courses*” for a record fourth (4th) time.

Biography: Former Galveston County Assistant District Attorney; Former Assistant U.S. Attorney, Northern District of Texas; Recipient, “Lawyer of the Year Award,” *Tarrant County Black Bar Association*, 1995 and 2000. Frequent author and lecturer on all aspects of State and Federal Court practice, e.g., Attorney Client Privilege Issues, Grand Jury Litigation, Pre-Trial Motions, Plea Negotiations, Opening Statements, Privileges, Confessions, Jury Selection, Handling High Profile Cases, Direct Examination, Cross-Examination and Ethics. 2015 Inductee into *Texas Criminal Defense Lawyer’s Association* Hall of Fame. Recipient of the 2020 Blackstone Award by the *Tarrant County Bar Association*. Fellow of the *American College of Trial Lawyers* and the *American Board of Criminal Lawyers*.

Has spoken frequently before the Advanced Criminal Law Course sponsored by the *State Bar of Texas* and to numerous seminars sponsored by the *Texas Criminal Defense Lawyer’s Association*, *Texas Center for the Judiciary*, and the *Federal Public Defender’s Annual Federal Practice Seminar*. Has also presented to the *NACDL*, *Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers*, *Dallas County Criminal Defense Lawyers*, *San Antonio Criminal Defense Lawyers*, *Mexican-American Bar Association* and the *Tarrant County Bar Association*.