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Dr. Bill Chriss, chair-elect of the Appellate Section of the State Bar of Texas, is a professionally trained lawyer, historian, political scientist, religious scholar, and ethicist. As a prominent trial and appellate lawyer, he handles complex lawsuits and appeals, especially in insurance, injury, and property damage cases, having also recently served as chair of the Insurance Law Section of the State Bar. At age 20, Dr. Chriss was nominated for the Rhodes Scholarship, and he received his law degree from Harvard Law School at the age of 23. He holds four other post-graduate degrees: master's degrees in political science, Christian theology, and English literature, as well as a Ph.D. in history from The University of Texas. His master's theses and doctoral dissertation in these disciplines included commentaries on: Eastern Christian church history and canon law, the writings of Joseph Campbell and Ernest Hemingway, and American political and legal history. While maintaining his busy law practice, Dr. Chriss taught Judicial Politics, Political and Moral Philosophy, History, and Constitutional Law at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, and he serves as the local legal and political commentator for the Corpus Christi ABC affiliate. He has written several articles for scholarly journals and his first book, *The Noble Lawyer*, was published by Texas Bar Books in 2011, while his second book, *Six Constitutions over Texas*, is now available at bookstores and from internet vendors.
