Anne Gardner served on the Second Court of Appeals from 2000 to 2016. She grew up in Corpus Christi, Texas and attended the University of Texas at Austin for her undergraduate and law degrees. She moved to Fort Worth in 1967 and worked in several legal positions there before being appointed to the court. Justice Gardner's dedication to the law, attention to detail, and eloquent writing were well known and admired. She received much recognition throughout the years. In 2005, she was chosen Appellate Justice of the Year by the Texas Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. In 2015, she received the Outstanding Jurist Award from the Texas Bar Foundation for her "exceptionally outstanding reputation for competency, efficiency, and integrity." During her legal career, she held many important positions within the state bar and legal organization including serving on the Texas Supreme Court Advisory Committee, the Texas Pattern Jury Charge Committee, and the State Bar Rules Committee. She was in many ways a trail blazer, as evidenced by her being the first woman elected President of the Tarrant County Bar Association.