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## About Jon Meacham

Presidential historian, Pulitzer Prize-winner and contributing editor at *Time*, Jon Meacham is one of America's most prominent public intellectuals. He is known as a skilled storyteller with a depth of knowledge about politics, religion, and current affairs. He understands and analyzes how issues and events impact our lives. His Presidential biographies include # 1 New York Times bestsellers, *Destiny and Power: The American Odyssey of George Herbert Walker Bush*, *Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power* and *American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House* for which he won the Pulitzer Prize in 2009. Named a "Global Learner for Tomorrow" by the World Economic Forum, he is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, a fellow of the Society of American Historians, and chairs the National Advisory Board of the John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics at Washington University.

## SARAH T. HUGHES DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

### About the Scholarship

Established in 1981 by the Dallas Bar Foundation to address the need for increased diversity in the Dallas legal community, the Sarah T. Hughes Diversity Scholarship attracts exceptional minority student leaders to all three area law schools. These law students, upon graduation, plan to practice law and serve the Dallas community. One of the scholars commented, "this scholarship is a source of empowerment because it places responsibility in the hands of those who have been traditionally under-represented in the legal community."

The Hughes scholarships help to create a cycle of success in our community. Many of the recipients are the first in their families to graduate from college. To date, the Dallas Bar Foundation has awarded over \$2.3 million in Hughes scholarships.

Originally named the Diversity Scholarship, the name was changed to the Sarah T. Hughes Diversity Scholarship in 1982 in recognition of Judge Hughes' outstanding contribution and support of the Dallas Bar Foundation. The suggestion for the name change was met with enthusiastic approval and unanimous consent.

### About Sarah T. Hughes



Sarah Tilghman Hughes (1896 – 1985) was the United States District Court judge who swore Lyndon Johnson into the office of President on Air Force One, becoming the first — and, to date, the only — woman in U.S. history to swear in a U.S. President, a task usually executed by the Chief Justice of the United States. The photo of Judge Hughes administering the oath of office remains the most famous photo ever taken aboard Air Force One.

She moved to Dallas, Texas in 1922 with her husband, George Hughes, whom she had met while in law school at George Washington University. She practiced law for eight years in Dallas before becoming involved in politics, first being elected in 1930 to three terms in the Texas House of Representatives.

In 1935, she accepted an appointment as a state judge from Governor James Allred for the Fourteenth District Court in Dallas, allowing her to preside over trials in which women were not yet allowed to sit as jurors. Judge Hughes was re-elected and remained at that post until 1960.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy appointed her to the federal bench in the Northern District of Texas. Two years later, on November 22, 1963, she was called upon to administer the oath of office to Lyndon B. Johnson after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.