

SUE SMITH, JD

Sue earned her B.A. from the University of Texas in 1978 and her J.D. from the University of Houston Law Center in 1984. She practiced as a municipal finance attorney before being selected as one of four graduate students for the Houston Methodist Hospital Executive Training Program (1994–1996).

Throughout her career, Sue has combined her legal expertise with a deep commitment to education, health, and community service. She has held leadership roles with numerous organizations, including the Board of Trustees of KIPP Houston Public Schools, UTHealth Development Board, UTHealth School of Public Health Advisory Council (Chair), Brighter Bites (Secretary), Bo's Place (President) and the American Leadership Forum, Class 59, Senior Fellow. At Houston Methodist, her service has included the President's Leadership Council, the Translational Research Initiative, and the Campaign for the Second Century Steering Committee.

She continues to serve actively on several boards. She is a member of the Houston Methodist Academic Institute Board of Directors, co-chairs the Development & Advocacy Committee, and serves on the Education Committee. She also serves as Secretary and Governance Chair of the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship Houston-Galveston and is a member of the Board of Directors of the YMCA of Greater Houston.

In recognition of their leadership and philanthropy, Sue and her husband, Craig Brown, received the Sterling C. Evans Medal in 2019, the highest honor awarded by the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents.

In 2025, Bo's Place honored Craig and Sue with the Robin Bush Award, named in memory of Robin Bush, daughter of President George H.W. Bush and first Lady Barbara Bush, recognizing individuals who have made a profound difference in the lives of others.

That same year, Houston Methodist honored Sue and Craig for their transformative contributions to advancing educational innovation.

