



Barbara Fratila - Secretary, Precinct 1

Barbara came to the Brazosport area in 1982. She is an attorney who currently works at the Furey Law Firm in the areas of estate planning, wills, trusts, and probate matters; corporate, contract, and real estate transactional work, including environmental aspects of real estate transactions. While serving as an Assistant General Counsel at the Port of Houston Authority, Barbara worked with all divisions with major concentration in engineering and real estate contract matters. While in private practice prior to her nine years at the Port of Houston Authority, she represented the Velasco and Angleton Drainage Districts.

Education

Barbara received her B.A. with High Honors from the University of Maryland in 1973 and her J.D. from South Texas College of Law in 1990 where she was a member of the Wood Inn of the International Legal Honors Fraternity of Phi Delta Phi and the Order of the Lytae. She received her LL.M. with a concentration in Energy, Environmental and Natural Resources Law from the University of Houston in 2006.

Affiliations & Community Involvement

Barbara currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of Brazoria County and is on the Board of Directors of Habitat for Humanity of Southern Brazoria County.

Personal

Barbara and her husband, Nick, live in Lake Jackson, Texas.

Port Freeport

Port Freeport is a leading port in the export of crude oil and natural gas liquids and ranked 6th in chemicals, 17th in foreign waterborne export tonnage, and 26th in containers. A 2022 Economic Impact Study by Texas A&M Transportation Institute revealed that, nationally, the Freeport Harbor Channel generates 266,300 jobs and has a total economic output of \$157.3 billion. Port Freeport serves Alliera, Atlantic Container Lines, AMPORTS, BASF, Chiquita Fresh N.A., Dole Fresh Fruit, The Dow Chemical Company, Enterprise Products Partners, ExxonMobil, Freeport LNG, Ford Motor Company, General Motors, Glovis, Grimaldi Lines, Hoegh Autoliners, Kirby Marine, Liberty Global Logistics, Mammoet, MEGlobal, NYK RORO, Oceanus Line, Phillips 66, Riviana Foods, Inc., Sallalum Lines, Tenaris, U.S Department of Energy, Volkswagen Group of America, and Vulcan Materials Company.