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Donnis Baggett, 68, is executive vice president of the Texas Press Association. He leads the association's governmental affairs program, focusing on protecting open records, open meetings and public notice at all levels of government.

Baggett is a native of Livingston, Texas, and is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches. Before joining the Texas Press Association in 2012, he worked for newspapers in Livingston, Longview, Dallas, Bryan-College Station and Waco, serving in positions ranging from reporter to editor to publisher.

He is a past president of the Texas Daily Newspaper Association and the Dallas Press Club and has served on the board of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas. He is the 2014 recipient of the foundation's James Madison Award for his First Amendment work during the course of his 45-year career.

As an avocation, Baggett and his wife, Beverly, raise bison and horses on the Lucky B Ranch just outside Bryan, Texas. Baggett is a past president of the Texas Bison Association and currently serves as president of the National Bison Association.