

**JOHN E. BAINES, MBA, CPA**

In 1974 John was chosen to work in the public law section for John Connally's law firm. "It opened my eyes to a much larger world than I had ever known before." It became a turning point in his life. John graduated from the University of Houston in 1977 with a degree in business. He moved his family to the Dallas/Fort Worth area where he graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1981 with a masters degree in accounting, business management and systems design. He obtained his CPA certification in 1983. John's extensive work experience is highlighted by over 10 years with Fortune 500 Companies where his responsibilities involved companies ranging from \$350 million to \$6 billion in assets and holdings. He currently resides in Denton, Texas with his wife, Tracey. He has two children, Shauna and Shawn, and four grandchildren, Lyric and Jordan Mason and Aria. He began his thriving practice in Denton in 1986. He is a community leader and donates most of his free time to charitable organizations. He is currently the Treasurer for the Denton Black Chamber of Commerce, past chairman of the Texas Association of African-American Chambers of Commerce, board member for KERA/Channel 13, past chairman of the Denton County United Way, past president of the Denton County Friends of the Family and the list goes on. He is a very active member of the Church in Denton and enjoys a vigorous basketball game with his friends two times a week.

