

# Jane D. Baker, FCSI

*“In recognition of your total commitment to the goals of the Institute through dynamic participation as a chapter leader, as a member of the Electronic Media Committee, and in numerous other capacities, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 26th day of June 1988.”  
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JANE D. BAKER (nee Marie Jane Dellinger) grew up in Gastonia, North Carolina. She lived there until entering Mars Hill Junior College in 1958. Upon completion of her Associates degree at Mars Hill, Baker transferred to Wake Forest University and completed her bachelor's degree in Psychology in 1962.

During the 60's Baker taught elementary and junior high school and served as elementary school librarian. In 1972 she entered the world of construction documents with an architectural firm in Oklahoma City. By 1975 Baker had identified her affinity for the product research and documentation related to specifications writing. That year she produced her first set of specifications and set out in pursuit of the new found art. Her quest led her to join CSI in 1978, attending her first meeting in a January snowstorm only to find the meeting had been called off.

In 1982 Baker established her own specifications practice for a short period of time, then re entered the corporate world. From 1984 to 1995 Baker was employed by an architectural

and engineering firm in Tulsa, OK, dedicated to serving the needs of clients with high volume building programs. As that firm grew from 32 to more than 600, she developed a team of Certified Construction Specifiers who focused on technology to expedite the specifications process and then she gravitated to the risk management issues of the growing company.

Throughout her CSI career, Baker has maintained a love of teaching. From CSI and AIA examination review courses to college level adjunct instruction in contracts and professional practice, she works to raise the performance level of construction industry practitioners.

Baker moved through the presidential succession of CSI at a time of staff reorganization with emphasis on financial responsibility and strategic management process. As the first full fiscal year under new Executive Director Gregory Balestrero, CSI, the term was marked with much change and included the beginning of CSI's network of strategic alliances with related associations and businesses.

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## **CSI Membership**

Tulsa Chapter, 1984 - present  
Oklahoma City Chapter, 1978 - present

## **Institute Offices, Committees**

Director, South Central Region, 1986-88

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President (OKC), 1982  
Secretary (OKC), 1979 and 1980  
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