

After 32 years of a successful real estate and renewable energy practice, James Wester has retired but continues to serve as strategic and valuable counsel for the firm's clients and attorneys.



Prior to his retirement, James Wester was active in Underwood's Renewable Energy Group, where he began helping landowners lease their land for renewable energy initiatives. Eventually, he worked with a variety of clients including developers, school districts, hospital districts, and transmission service providers on contract negotiation and development. Another large part of his practice was maximizing economic incentives for renewable energy projects through tax abatement agreements and tax limitation agreements.

He also had a robust real estate practice where he worked with agricultural, commercial, and residential real estate clients on acquisitions, financing, development, construction, and more.

James Wester continues to use his extensive experience to serve as a valuable resource for attorneys within the firm and his clients. He still works closely with the firm on transitioning his clients and using his historical knowledge to help facilitate their legal needs. His philosophy as an attorney continues to be to consistently provide the highest possible value to his clients.

## EXPERIENCE

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More than 32 years of real estate and business experience and personal involvement in numerous businesses and real estate ventures.

More than 14 years of renewable energy experience and hundreds of wind energy leases and personal involvement in the development of projects.

Served as General Counsel for Corporate Systems, Inc. from 2002 – 2005.

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## PRACTICE AREAS

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Business & Corporate

Real Estate

Renewable Energy

## ADMISSIONS

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State Bar of Texas, 1986

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas

## EDUCATION

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J.D., University of Oklahoma College of Law, 1986

B.B.A. in Finance, University of Oklahoma, 1983

## AFFILIATIONS

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Texas Young Lawyers Association, President 1995–96

State Bar of Texas, Board of Directors 2018–current; Executive Committee 1994–1997

Texas Bar Foundation, Sustaining Life Fellow; Trustee 2022–2025

Amarillo Chamber of Commerce

Amarillo Airport, Board Member 2001–2008

Former Editor and Author of “Legal Yarns” in AMA–LAW

Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone, Board member, 2010–2013

## RECOGNITIONS

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## OUTSIDE THE OFFICE

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James Wester is enjoying his retirement by devoting more time to his wife, children, and grandchildren.