

# UNDERWOOD



## James Wester

Of Counsel

### Profile



Following James Wester's retirement from Underwood, he continues to work with various Underwood attorneys. Prior to retirement, he was active in Underwood's Renewable Energy Group in an effort to bring value to clients in the growing wind, solar and renewable energy industries in the Texas Panhandle region. James continues to transition his representation of landowners, developers, transmission service providers and other stakeholders in various aspects of development and contractual negotiations. Because economic development incentives are an important factor for renewable energy projects, a portion of his practice included tax abatement agreements and tax limitation agreements with school districts, hospital districts, regional medical centers and counties.

James continues to transition his real estate practice which includes legal issues relating to acquiring, financing, developing, managing, constructing, leasing and selling agriculture, commercial and residential real estate; mortgages and refinancing, 1031 tax-deferred exchanges; and issues related to easements, property taxes and title, title curative and title insurance matters.

### Practice Areas

- Renewable Energy
- Real Estate
- Business and Corporate
- Chapter 313 Texas Economic Development Act Agreements

### Bar/Court Admissions

- [State Bar of Texas](#), 1986
- [U.S. Supreme Court](#)

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- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas

## Education

- University of Oklahoma College of Law
  - J.D., 1986
- University of Oklahoma
  - B.B.A. in Finance, 1983

## Affiliations

- 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
- 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

## Experience

- 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 development of projects.
- Served as General Counsel for Corporate Systems, Inc. from 2002 - 2005.

## Publications

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- The Winds of Change presentation in Vejle, Denmark on September 28, 2011
- James Wester Elected to the Board of Trustees of the Texas Bar Foundation