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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.

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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](#)
- [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
- 13 Underwood Law Firm, P.C. lawyers named to 2019 Best Lawyers® list
- 13 Underwood Attorneys Named to 2018 Best Lawyers® List
- Chapter 313 Tax Limitation Application and Agreement Process
- Texas Economic Development Act and School Districts
- Best lawyers in America ©2017
- Best Lawyers in America© 2015
- C4W&R 2014 Spring Energy Expo
- The Winds of Change
- Panhandle Wind Rush
- Underwood Law Firm has Seven of The Best Lawyers in America.
- 2012 AWEA WindPower Conference
- European Wind Energy Association 2012 Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark
- James Wester Speaks to Texas Tech Law Students
- Texas Legislature Addresses Restrictions on Solar Panels
- Wind, Solar and Storage Institute - Part 2
- Wind, Solar and Storage Institute
- Wind is Spinning Spurs in Oldham County
- Developers Work to Prepare the Great Plains Wind Energy Habitat Conservation Plan
- CREZ and the PTC
- Texas - Wide Open For Business Seminar in Vejle, Denmark
- Danske Landbrugsadvokater

