

**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 helped landowners lease their land for renewable energy initiatives and 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.

In addition to renewable energy, he had a robust real estate practice working with agricultural, commercial, and residential real estate clients on acquisitions, financing, development, and construction.

James continues to use his extensive experience and historical knowledge to serve as a valuable resource for attorneys within the firm.

## EXPERIENCE

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

## AFFILIATIONS

Texas Bar Foundation, Sustaining Life Fellow; Trustee, 2022–2024

Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone, Board member, 2010–2013

Amarillo Airport, Board Member, 2001–2008

Texas Young Lawyers Association, President, 1995–1996

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

Amarillo Chamber of Commerce

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## PRACTICE AREAS

Business & Corporate

Real Estate

Renewable Energy

## 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

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

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

## RECOGNITIONS

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## PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

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

## OUTSIDE THE OFFICE

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