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- Vice President and General Counsel of Southwestern Group Financial, Inc., an Amex listed billion dollar financial institutions holding company based in Houston, Texas
- Chairman and Principle of Pryor Tungsten Co. Inc., a closely held oil field service corporation manufacturing positive and adjustable chokes, stems and seats for original equipment manufacturers including Cameron and FMC
- Member of the Texas House of Representatives from Harris County, Chairman of the House Higher Education Committee, among other committees
- Attorney with various Houston firms including Hutcheson and Grundy
- General Counsel to the Houston G-7 Economic Summit
- Chief Administrative Officer and subsequently Chief Executive Officer of TIRR Hospital, U S News and World Report number two catastrophic rehabilitation hospital in nation, a teaching research hospital with a combined residency program of U T Health Science Institute and Baylor College of Medicine being one of the largest PM&R programs in the country
- Chairman of Texas Governor's Task Force on Science and Technology recommending the creation of the Texas Enterprise Fund; Co-Chair of the Southeast Bio-Research Park; Founding Chair of Bio-Houston
- Vice Chancellor for UT System leading the team to achieve tuition de-regulation and remove indirect cost reimbursement from university grant programs otherwise paid to the state; negotiated and sealed a 16 university national consortium led by UT System for collaborative tech transfer with Sandia Labs
- Chief Legal Officer and Chief Compliance Officer for Stewart Information Services, Inc, a Fortune One Thousand information service corporation and parent company to Stewart Title Company serving 49 states and multiple countries
- Adjunct Professor of the Cameron Graduate School of Business teaching business law for 11 semesters
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