



John grew up in Waxahachie, and is a graduate of Waxahachie High School. John is a seventh generation resident of Ellis County. After graduating from Texas A&M University and the University of Texas School of Law, John practiced law in Houston for six years. Over the course of six years in Houston, John gained a breadth of experience in various simple and complex civil litigation and transactional matters, including real estate transactions, estate planning matters, business litigation, real estate and construction litigation, bankruptcy litigation, and probate litigation.

In 2002, John returned to his hometown and began his own general civil practice law firm. In 2003, John attained certification by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in the field of Estate Planning and Probate Law. John is the only attorney in Ellis County who is Board Certified in Estate Planning and Probate Law. Counted among John's clients are some of Ellis County's oldest businesses and families, as well as some of its newest.

Although John's law practice is headquartered in Ellis County, John has handled state court matters in over 30 Texas counties ranging from El Paso to Marshall and from Brownsville to Amarillo, as well as matters in various federal courts throughout Texas. John has served as lead counsel in several arbitration proceedings, including those administered by the American Arbitration Association. John has also successfully handled several matters before state appellate courts. Presently, John primarily heads up the firm's transactional and banking law practice, including such matters as debt collection, secured lending, real estate transactions, business entity formations, estate planning, guardianship, and probate. John also assists with select litigation matters, and he serves as local counsel in connection with matters pending in Ellis County courts.

John is a co-owner of Town Square Title, a full service Ellis County title company offering title insurance and escrow and closing services for residential, commercial, and farm/ranch properties.

John is active in the community and frequently contributes his time to a number of civic and charitable organizations.

John's Education

- University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas, Doctor of Jurisprudence, May 1996
- Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, Bachelor of Science, Political Science, May 1993

Certifications

- Board Certified, Estate Planning and Probate Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization

Bar Admissions

- State Bar of Texas, November, 1996
- U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 1997
- U. S. District Courts for the Northern, Southern, and Eastern Districts of Texas, 1997
- U. S. Tax Court, 2000
- U. S. Supreme Court, 2002
- U. S. District Court for the Western District of Texas, 2006

John's Legal Expertise

- Real Estate Transactions
- Business Entity Formation and Transactions
- Estate Planning and Probate
- Guardianship
- Debt Collection and Creditor Rights
- Civil Litigation

John's Associations and Memberships

- State Bar of Texas, Real Estate, Probate, & Trust Law Section
- Ellis County Bar Association
- Texas Association of Bank Counsel
- Affiliate Member, Ellis Hill Association of Realtors
- Affiliate Member, Texas Land Title Association
- Member, Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce
- Member, Midlothian Chamber of Commerce
- Member, Red Oak Chamber of Commerce
- Member, Ennis Chamber of Commerce

John's Activities

- Director (2003-07), Campaign Chair (2007), United Way of West Ellis County
- Director (2004-07), Mid Way Regional Airport
- District Chairman (2005), Bluebonnet District, Circle Ten Council, Boy Scouts of America
- Director (2004-07), Education Foundation for WISD
- Member (2005-07), Meals on Wheels Ellis County Advisory Council
- Director (2004-07), Treasurer (2004-2006), Chautauqua Preservation Society
- Director (2003-04), Waxahachie Crime Stoppers
- Director (2006-present), The Waxahachie Foundation
- Director (2006-present), Waxahachie Senior Citizens Center
- Board Member (2006-07), Waxahachie Cemetery Board
- Member (2004-present), Trustee (2006-present), First United Methodist Church of Waxahachie
- City Councilman (2007-present), City of Waxahachie
- Member (2002-present), Waxahachie Rotary Club