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Jim's professional career includes over thirty-five years in public accounting, commercial and investment banking, and investment portfolio consulting, including three years with a national public accounting firm; eighteen years in commercial banking, including six years as chief executive officer of a major Houston bank; and fifteen years as managing principal of Windham Capital Advisory Services and its predecessor firm.

He is currently Chairman of the Texas Institute for Education Reform ([www.texaseducationreform.org](http://www.texaseducationreform.org)), a statewide non-profit organization of opinion leaders advocating K-12 public education reform. He also publishes The Texas Pilgrim ([www.texaspilgrim.com](http://www.texaspilgrim.com)), a monthly letter of commentary on cultural and public policy issues. He has had board level experience in the banking, investment management, insurance, and venture capital industries, as well as leadership positions in local, regional, and statewide organizations.

He has served as chairman of the Texas Association of Business; vice chairman of the Texas Public Policy Foundation; chairman of the Texas Lyceum Association; member of the Board of Regents, Stephen F. Austin State University; member of the Executive Committee of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo; chairman of the Rodeo Institute for Teacher Excellence; chairman of Texas Business Leaders for Educational Choice; member of the State Board for Educator Certification; Chairman, Board of Trustees, First United Methodist Church Foundation; Director of Title Data, Inc.; Director of the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence; member of the Texas High School Completion and Success Initiatives Council; and member of the Sovereign Military Order of The Temple of Jerusalem.

A native of Livingston, Texas, he is a 1965 graduate of The University of Texas at Austin in Finance and Accounting. He and his wife, Lela, live in Houston and have two daughters.