

CLARENCE A. WEST

Counselor and Attorney at Law
1201 RIO GRANDE, SUITE 200
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701
www.cawestlaw.com

Direct Dial: 512.499.8838
Fax: 512.322.0884
cawest@cawestlaw.com

CLARENCE A. WEST

Clarence has represented municipal interests for over twenty years. As a former City Attorney of the City of Houston he is familiar with the operational and practical issue of a governmental entity. Since leaving the City of Houston he has represented municipalities throughout the nation.

His practice has focused on legal issues concerning compensation and use of the public rights-of-way. That includes telecommunication, cable television, gas and electric franchises, and rights-of-way management ordinances. He has an active practice before the Public Utility Commission of Texas. In 1999 a number of his client cities formed a coalition for filing extensive comments on the implementation of House Bill 1777 (Chapter 283), regarding telecommunications franchise fees and management of rights-of way issues. That Coalition continues to participate in the various Rulemakings and PUC projects involving Chapter 283. He also serves as general counsel to a group of cities that have purchased power under the recently deregulated power market in Texas. Again in 2005, on behalf of the Coalition, Clarence actively participated in the stakeholders negotiations at the legislature on SB 5, the state issued cable and video services franchising bill, which added Chapter 66 to the Utility Code.

Representative city clients include: Texas Cities: Addison, Arlington, Austin, Bedford, Carrollton, Cedar Park, Colleyville, Dallas, Denton, El Paso, Euless, Farmers Branch, Fort Worth, Galveston, Grapevine, Houston, Hurst, Irving, Keller, Palestine, Pasadena, Richardson, Tyler, Westlake, West University Place and Wharton. He has also represented the Texas Coalition of Cities on For Utility Issues (TCCFUI) in filing comments at the PUC and the FCC. He has represented the following cities outside of Texas: New Orleans, La.; Memphis, Tennessee; Oak Harbor, Port Angeles, Richland, and Walla Walla, Washington.

Member of:

International Municipal Lawyers Association ("IMLA"), Past Chair of Section on Franchises and Utilities.

Texas City Attorney Association;

Texas Association of Officers and Advisors (TATOA).