

Howard T. Ayers



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INDUSTRIES

Real Estate

PRACTICE AREAS

Real Estate

EDUCATION

JD, 1969, honors,
University of Houston
Law Center
BA, 1966, Economics
and Business
Administration, Rice
University

ADMITTED

Texas 1969

Howard serves as Chairman to the firm. He has been practicing law for nearly 40 years, focusing on commercial real estate and public facilities development projects in major U.S. cities. Howard has held many leadership positions at the firm including serving as the firm-wide Managing Partner for ten years. During this time, he was a steadfast leader in advancing diversity and inclusion for the legal profession. Hallmarks of his tenure as Managing Partner were sponsoring and steadily expanding the firm's biennial executive Women's Retreat, enhancing the firm's benefits programs to promote diversity and inclusion, creating the firm's Diversity Committee and its Women's Initiative Team, and adding emphasis to the firm's commitment by recruiting a Partner and full-time Chief Diversity Officer. In addition, he served on the Houston Bar Association's Gender Fairness Task Force and later co-chaired its Gender Fairness Committee for the 2006-2007 term.

PROFESSIONAL/CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

Member

- Houston Bar Association
 - Co-Chair, Gender Fairness Committee (2006-2007)
- Houston Real Estate Lawyers Council
- Board of Directors, University of Houston Law Foundation
- State Bar of Texas
- American Bar Association

Listed

- Texas Super Lawyer in Business/Corporate, Texas Monthly (2003-2008)

Advisory Director

- Texas State Bank (Houston, Texas)

HEADLINE NEWS

- Thirty-Five Andrews Kurth Partners Named in Texas Super Lawyers 2008 (October 3, 2008)
- Andrews Kurth Partners Honored by Texas Diversity Council (May 28, 2008)
- Andrews Kurth's Howard Ayers Earns Glass Ceiling Award (May 15, 2008)

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- Andrews Kurth Announces Policy Committee Election (August 28, 2008)
- Andrews Kurth Announces Policy Committee Election (August 16, 2007)
- Dr. Fei-Fei Chao Joins Andrews Kurth (September 15, 2006)
- Andrews Kurth Adds Two New Faces to Policy Committee (August 31, 2006)
- Andrews Kurth Names Hong Irwin Partner (August 11, 2006)
- Chris Fenelon Joins Andrews Kurth (July 26, 2006)
- Twenty Andrews Kurth Lawyers Recognized In 2006 Chambers USA Rankings (July 18, 2006)
- Thomson Financial's 1Q Ranking (May 2, 2006)
- Andrews Kurth Announces New Director of Professional Development (April 3, 2006)
- Andrews Kurth Appellate Practice Strengthened (January 13, 2006)
- Andrews Kurth Announces 2006 Partners (December 6, 2005)
- Andrews Kurth Leads Best Places to Work Competition (October 7, 2005)
- American Lawyer Rates Midlevel Associates' Level of Satisfaction (October 4, 2005)
- VanMiddlesworth Recognized for Public Law Expertise, Representation (September 29, 2005)
- Firm Receives A+ on Diversity Progress Report (July 29, 2005)
- Dudley Murrey Joins Andrews Kurth (July 15, 2005)
- Andrews Kurth Establishes a Presence in China (June 30, 2005)
- Andrews Kurth Adds to its 2005 Chambers USA Ranking (June 16, 2005)
- Andrews Kurth Announces Arrival of New Partner as Leader of its Corporate Compliance, Investigations and Defense Practice (June 10, 2005)
- United States Court Enters \$458 Million Damages Judgment Against Weyerhaeuser for the Destruction of Paragon (April 5, 2005)
- Senior SEC Attorney to Join Andrews Kurth as Partner (March 9, 2005)
- Andrews Kurth Represents Landry's Restaurants, Inc. in Las Vegas Casino Purchase (February 4, 2005)
- Firm Obtains Net Recovery for Client of \$84 Million in Ernst & Young Litigation (January 31, 2005)
- Firm Represents El Paso Corporation in \$179 Million E&P Acquisition (January 28, 2005)