

BIOGRAPHY
for
JOHN A. WISE

AREA OF PRACTICE:

John A. Wise has represented national and Texas-based institutions and entrepreneurs in the acquisition, development, sale, financing, and leasing of apartments, retail centers, lot developments, office buildings and warehouses. He has significant experience in establishing new entities formed for real estate transactions, including corporations, limited partnership, and limited liability companies. He has also aided clients in the tax-free exchange of real estate. He has been certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, State Bar of Texas, as a Commercial Real Estate Specialist since 1987.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

- Mr. Wise has been a member of the State Bar of Texas since 1981. He is a member of the Dallas Bar Association and Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section of the State Bar of Texas.

EDUCATION:

Mr. Wise graduated from the College of William and Mary with a B.A. in 1978. He graduated from Southern Methodist University with a J.D. in 1981.

REPRESENTATIVE TRANSACTIONS:

In the past five years, Mr. Wise has performed the following specific legal services for clients:

- Handled the simultaneous refinancing (including defeasances) of five apartment projects for a Canadian owner;
- Drafted and filed Restrictive Covenants for a mixed-use project for Mobil Land and established the owners' association;
- Negotiated leases with Office Depot, Petsmart, Ross, Marshall's, and other junior anchors and smaller tenants for the lease-up of retail centers;
- Acted as primary attorney for Jack in the Box and TGI Friday's in their acquisition of new sites;
- Provided Texas enforceability opinions for various Wall Street Firms on national loans;
- Acted as primary attorney for clients in the development of numerous single family housing subdivisions, including creating and turning over homeowners' associations; and
- Handled the sale and acquisition of numerous apartment complexes in Texas and Florida.