

# **Practice Areas**

· Real Estate

#### Education

- Southeast Missouri State University, B.S., 1974; M.A., 1976
- St. Mary's University,
  J.D., 1981

# Honors

- Best Lawyers in America® - Real Estate Law. 2025
- St. Mary's University, Law Review
- Listed in Best Lawyers in America, 2020-2024
- "Top Lawyer" by Houstonia Magazine, 2022

# **Bar Admissions**

- Texas
- Board Certified in Commercial Real Estate Law

# James E. Berry

Senior Counsel Houston

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Jim Berry maintains a general real estate practice with a particular emphasis on commercial real estate. He is experienced in all aspects of acquisitions, dispositions, finance, development, leasing and management of real property.

Mr. Berry has represented a range of clients including physicians, architects and professional service providers, as well as larger institutional clients acquiring and selling multiple business locations. Jim also has extensive commercial leasing experience, representing both landlords and tenants.

Mr. Berry's representation frequently extends to serving as general business counsel, providing advice and assistance regarding the broader scope of business legal concerns, including supervising outside counsel. Additionally, Mr. Berry has extensive experience in the representation of automobile dealerships, including both the acquisition and disposition of dealerships.

Mr. Berry served previously as General Counsel for the Houston Golf Association. He provided counsel for the Board of Directors and the professional staff of the charitable organization that manages the Junior Golf and First Tee programs, and the Houston PGA TOUR event. He has successfully negotiated and completed sports related contracts with vendors, the tournament sponsor, the tournament venue owner and the PGA TOUR. He is the past Chairman of the Board of the Houston Golf Association.

# **Seminars & Presentations**

• "Proposed Houston Zoning Ordinance," Chamberlain Tax Forum

# **Professional Affiliations**

- General Counsel, Houston Golf Association, 2000-2010, 2014-2017.
- Chairman of the Board, Houston Golf Association, 2010-2012.
- · American Bar Association
- Houston Bar Association