

THE HONORABLE KENT CAPERTON

PROFESSIONAL PRÉCIS

The Hon. Kent Caperton is an attorney and principal at the Ben Barnes Group, LP, a crisis management and consulting firm with offices in Austin, TX and Washington DC. Prior to joining the Ben Barnes Group, he was the Managing Director at Public Strategies, Inc. Mr. Caperton has also been a shareholder at Winstead Sechrest & Minick, PC and a partner at Caperton, Rodger & Miller, P.C. He was elected to the State Senate for Texas District Five in 1981, where he was the Chairman of the Finance, Jurisprudence, Criminal Justice, and Interim Study of Codification of Rules of Evidence Committees. He has also been a Municipal Judge in Bryan, TX and an Assistant Attorney General in Austin, TX.

Current Firm

Ben Barnes Group LP

Attorney & Principal

- Consults on national and state issues focusing primarily on legislative, regulatory and political policy
- Represents clients with interests across all industries including: energy, healthcare, telecommunications, municipal governments, federal agencies, and national nonprofit organizations, among others
- Is the in-house legal counsel but also teams with law firms on matters of complex litigation

Highlighted Awards, Affiliations, & Speeches

- Lutheran of the Year Award, Lutheran Social Services of Texas
- James Madison Award, Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas
- Ten Best Legislators 1983/1987/1989, *Texas Monthly*
- State and Federal Court in Texas and U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit Judge
- Federal Rules of Evidence Committee 1982-87, State Bar of Texas
- Funding for Judicial Branch of Texas Committee 1989-1993, State Bar of Texas
- University of Texas School of Law Executive Committee, 1999-current
- Dean's Roundtable at the University of Texas School of Law, 1989-current
- Advisory Committee for Texas A&M University Press, 1999-current
- Advisory Committee for Center for International Business Studies TAMU College of Business
- Visiting Lecturer at the TAMU College of Business
- Board of Advisors for the Freedom of Information Foundation
- Executive Committee of the Capital Area Boy Scouts
- Expert and Opinion of Evidence, "Qualification, Scope, Form of Examination, Etc.," How to Offer and Exclude Evidence at the University of Houston Law Foundation, 1994
- Legislative Update, Advanced Personal Injury Law Course, State Bar of Texas, 1991
- Legislative Perspective, "Making Utility Regulation Work at the Public Utility Commission of Texas," University of Texas at Austin Center for Legal and Regulatory Studies, 1991

EDUCATION

Texas A&M University
B.A., Cum Laude, 1971

University of Texas School of Law
1973-1975