

*Curriculum Vitae*  
of  
**KENT R. HANCE**

**Personal:**

Kent R. Hance was born and raised in Dimmitt, Texas. He and his wife, Susie Hance, are attorneys. Together, they have five children and seven grandchildren.

**Education:**

Hance received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Texas Tech University in 1965. As an undergraduate, he served as vice president of the student body and president of his social fraternity, Delta Tau Delta. In 1968, he received his law degree from the University of Texas where he served as president of the Student Bar Association, class president and was a recipient of the Counsel Award.

**Professional Career:**

Upon graduation from law school, Hance returned to Lubbock to practice law and teach business law at Texas Tech University. Governor Preston Smith named Hance to the Board of Regents of West Texas State University in 1972, making him one of the youngest persons to serve in such a capacity. In 1973, he was named Outstanding Professor at Texas Tech University.

Hance's political career began in 1974, when he defeated the heavily favored incumbent to become the Texas State Senator from the Lubbock area. While in the Texas Senate, Hance was one of only four members who served jointly on the two most powerful committees – Finance and State Affairs. Four years later, Hance entered and won the 19<sup>th</sup> Congressional District race. When elected in 1978, Hance defeated opponent George W. Bush, making him the only person to ever defeat former President Bush in a political race.

During his first week in Washington, Hance was named Chairman of the Freshman Caucus, and was later named Best Freshman Congressman by *Texas Business Magazine*. In the summer of 1981, he authored and won passage of President Reagan's tax bill, which provided the largest tax cut in the nation's history. During his three terms as a member of the U.S. Congress, Hance served on the Ways and Means Committee, the Agriculture Committee, and the Science and Technology Committee.

On August 24, 1987, Governor Bill Clements appointed Hance to the Texas Railroad Commission, which regulated the oil and gas and transportation industries in Texas. In November 1988, he won the election to become the first Republican ever to serve on the Commission. In January 1989, Hance was elected as Chairman to the Commission, where he served until 1990.

Hance is a partner with Hance Scarborough, an Austin law firm, but is presently on a leave of absence. His primary focus was state and federal administrative, regulatory and legislative law. In addition, he provided clients with his expertise in oil and gas and energy-related matters.

In December 2006, Hance became the third chancellor of the Texas Tech University System. As chancellor, he is the chief executive officer of all campuses and academic sites of Texas Tech University, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and Angelo State University. He is focusing his energies on continuing quality enrollment growth, enhancing research in areas of excellence and accentuating programs and opportunities that prepare students for personal and professional success. Foremost on the agenda is fundraising for scholarships, professorships and endowments as well as capital contributions. Hance not only serves as a top-level administrator, but also as a faculty member teaching a seminar course for upper-level

students. He is a tenured professor of the Texas Tech University School of Law. The chancellor also works in Austin and Washington, D.C. to enhance funding for all institutions.

In his role as chancellor, Hance continues to enrich the culture of excellence at the Texas Tech University System. Hance has been instrumental in raising funds, helping bring in more than \$100 million for the Texas Tech University System for three years in a row. In 2007, the Texas Tech University System received \$50 million, the largest gift ever donated, from Paul L. Foster for the expansion of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine in El Paso, Texas. This donation extended the existing program and established the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine, making it the only four-year medical school on the border between U.S. and Mexico. Hance also played a prominent role in the expansion of the Texas Tech University System, incorporating Angelo State University in 2007. Under his leadership, Texas Tech University has set record enrollment of more than 30,000 students, and is making great strides on the path to becoming a national research university.

Hance not only has a successful career in education, law and government, but also as a businessman. He was an owner of apartments in Lubbock, Texas in the early 1970s and owned a single-family construction company in the mid-1970s. After leaving politics in 1990, Hance has owned and developed apartment projects in Houston, Fort Worth and in West Texas. He also has served on the Board of Directors of American General Hospitality, which is a Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) that was traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE). In August 1998, Hance joined the Board of MeriStar Hotels and Resorts, which is an operating company for the REIT on the NYSE. He has served on the board of Box Energy, which was traded on the NASDAQ Exchange. Hance also has real estate holdings in farm and ranch land in the Texas Panhandle. He presently serves as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Waste Control Specialists, a hazardous waste and radioactive waste control company located in Andrews, Texas.

### **Professional Committees and Organizations:**

Hance was appointed to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board by Governor Bill Clements in 1987. He has served on the Governor's Energy Council, Governor's Oil Spill Advisory Committee, Texas High Speed Rail Commission and the Texas Mining Council. During 1988, Hance served as Texas Chairman of the Bush for President Steering Committee. In 1994, he served as State Vice Chair of Finance for the George W. Bush for Governor Campaign. He served on the Finance Committee for the George W. Bush for President Campaign in 1994 and was a Pioneer with the 2004 Bush-Cheney Re-Election Campaign.

Hance is a former member of Wayland Baptist University's Board of Trustees. He is a member of the Texas and American Bar Associations and many other civic groups. Hance has served the state and his community as one of the original incorporators and founders of the Texas Boys Ranch in Lubbock, and as the Texas State Vice Chairman for the March of Dimes.

### **Accomplishments and Honors:**

Hance is known by many as a true leader. Throughout the years he has achieved significant accomplishments and received notable recognitions. Among the many other achievements mentioned, Hance was recognized and presented with a Distinguished Alumni Award from the Texas Tech Alumni Association in 1985. In spring 2009, Hance received the John F. Lott Distinguished Citizen Award from the South Plains Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Recently, Hance was honored with the 2009-2010 Outstanding Texas State Leader Award at the Annual Texas Leadership Forum, presented by the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute. In April 2010, Hance will receive the Hope Award from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society West Texas Chapter.