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AUSTIN'S 30 MOST INFLUENTIAL

By no means is our list of the 30 most influential people in Central Texas business a complete list. These are just some of the people, listed alphabetically, who have shaped Austin's economy and culture during the past 30 years.



PETE WINSTEAD

Founding shareholder of Winstead PC

Dallas' loss is Austin's gain.

Winstead moved from Dallas to Austin in 1987 to open his law firm's Austin office and he's stayed here ever since — even though his firm is based in Big D.

Early on, Winstead mentored Austin startups that needed guidance on finances, management and legal matters. One of his first clients: Dell Computer Corp. Winstead assisted Dell with its initial public

offering in June 1988.

Winstead's business and civic contributions since then have been seemingly endless: chairman of the Texas Turnpike Authority, chairman of the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce, president of the Real Estate Council of Austin, chairman of the United Way Capital Area, chairman of Austin's March of Dimes WalkAmerica, vice chairman of the Long Center for the Performing Arts and vice chairman of the St. Edward's University Board of Trustees.

He's also been involved with the YMCA of Austin, the Austin Symphony Orchestra, the Austin Lyric Opera, SafePlace, the Austin Community Foundation and the local Boy Scouts.