

CFT'S 2022 VESTER HUGHES AWARD

Congratulations, John Bergner

Communities Foundation of Texas celebrated **John Bergner** as CFT's 2022 **Vester Hughes Award** honoree. When Vester Hughes passed in 2017, CFT created the Vester Hughes Award in honor of his legacy, his longstanding commitment to charitable causes, and his support of CFT's philanthropic initiatives.

In selecting a recipient of the Vester Hughes Award, CFT seeks out an outstanding professional advisor who has contributed exceptionally to their field, has championed charitable giving, and supports CFT's mission of growing community giving. Recipients are devoted to assisting clients with charitable giving, and serve as thoughtful and impactful mentors to other advisors in the field of philanthropy.

John Bergner is a shareholder in the Dallas office of **Winstead PC** and serves as co-chairman of the wealth preservation practice group. His practice encompasses tax estate and business succession planning and administration of estates. With over 40 years of experience as an attorney, John is nationally recognized for his work.



John Bergner with past Vester Hughes Award Recipients Jack Kinnebrew (2017) and Kathy Muldoon (2019).



John Bergner, CFT's 2022 Vester Hughes Award recipient, with Dave Scullin, CFT's President and CEO.

"John Bergner embodies the best qualities of Vester Hughes, and we are excited to recognize him as our 2022 Vester Hughes Award Recipient. CFT has witnessed firsthand the incredible impact John makes in support of the causes that matter most to him, and the mentorship he provides to so many in his field."

— DAVE SCULLIN, PRESIDENT AND CEO

CFT has partnered with John since 1987, when he first joined CFT's Advisory Council. He's provided CFT with feedback to inform its work and services, and has helped secure speakers and high-quality content for professional seminars. John also engages in personal philanthropy through his own charitable fund at CFT.

John has an expansive impact with clients and nonprofits, and CFT is honored to recognize him for his leadership and community involvement with our 2022 Vester Hughes Award. Please join us in congratulating John!



ABOUT

Vester Hughes

Vester was a nationally respected tax attorney who testified before Congress about tax matters and helped rewrite the federal tax code. Vester first began working with CFT in 1958, and served as CFT's general counsel or senior tax counsel for more than 50 years.

During his tenure, CFT grew into one of the most prominent and trusted community foundations in the country, and the largest in Texas. As legal counsel for **W.W. Caruth, Jr.**, Hughes helped create the **W.W. Caruth, Jr. Fund** at CFT.

Vester embodied the principle of honoring donor intent, as he guided the foundation through the investing and grantmaking of the W.W. Caruth, Jr. Fund, which continues to grant millions of dollars to the community each year.



To learn more about the Vester Hughes Award and watch our tribute video, visit [CFTexas.org/VesterHughes](https://cftexas.org/vesterhughes)



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