

MARK WELLS WHITE, JR.

Governor Mark White began his career in public service in 1966 as an Assistant Attorney General. In the Insurance, Banking and Securities Division for three years, he handled some of the state's first consumer protection investigations and represented the state in both trial and appellate cases.

In 1973, he was appointed Secretary of State and was the youngest member ever elected President of the National Association of Secretaries of States in 1977. He became the 46th Attorney General in Texas in 1979 and served for four years.

In 1983, he became Governor of the State of Texas and his top priority was to improve the quality of public education for Texas children. His administration can best be summarized as did the Corpus Christi Caller-Times in their October, 1986 editorial: "He has performed like a big leaguer during four of the roughest years any Texas governor has faced in recent memory. He had to make tough political choices—on education reform and coping with the state's budget problems. . .and White has been nothing short of courageous in standing behind HB72. Many a politician with less mettle would have buckled under to the pressures generated by the 'no-pass, no-play' rule and the protests over teacher testing, but White stood his ground".

Governor White is an attorney and President of GeoVox Security, Inc.

He is a member of the National Association of Attorneys General and the National Governor's Association.

Governor White received a degree in business administration from Baylor University in 1962 and a law degree in 1965. He graduated from Lamar High School in Houston in 1958. He and his wife, Linda Gale, are the parents of three children, and seven grandchildren.