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Honorable Kent R. Hance

To those who know him, Kent Hance is the ultimate raconteur and recently launched, “Kent Hance – The Best Storyteller in Texas” podcast, where he shares insightful, educational, and often hilarious stories from his legendary life as a lawyer, a former U.S. Congressman, a university chancellor, and most notably, a native Texan.

Kent R. Hance provides more than 40 years of experience in the public and private sector as an attorney, businessman, Texas State Senator, U.S. Congressman, Chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission, and Chancellor of the Texas Tech University System. Through the firm’s Austin and Washington, D.C. offices, Mr. Hance provides clients with his unmatched experience in a broad range of state and federal regulatory and legislative areas.

Mr. Hance’s legal and regulatory expertise encompasses business/corporations, higher education, city/county government, gaming laws, medicine/pharmaceutical development, nuclear energy, telecommunications, real estate, and taxation. While in Congress, Mr. Hance had the honor of carrying President Ronald Reagan’s tax cut bill, one of the largest tax cuts in American history. In addition, Mr. Hance has been privileged to serve on corporate boards throughout his distinguished career and currently chairs Lt. Governor Dan Patrick’s Economic Forecast Advisory Committee and served on his “Back to Work” Task Force that was created following the Coronavirus pandemic.

During his tenure of over seven years at Texas Tech, Chancellor Hance raised more than \$1.2 billion for his beloved alma mater, increased student enrollment by 45%, added a groundbreaking new medical school in El Paso, and elevated the university system to what was then its highest enrollment of more than 44,000 students. Chancellor Hance led the government relations efforts on the state and federal levels for Texas Tech during his tenure. He continues to serve Texas Tech as Chancellor Emeritus and teaches a popular seminar class on Leadership at Texas Tech.

Mr. Hance received his B.B.A. from Texas Tech University in 1965 and his law degree from the University of Texas in 1968 and is a 50-year member of the Texas State Bar. Mr. Hance serves on the following non-profit boards: Delta Tau Delta Educational Foundation; Texas State Historical Association; Texas State History Museum Foundation; and Texas Sports Hall of Fame.