

George Houghton Retirement Announcement

Agency Executive Vice President George Houghton has announced that he will be retiring at the beginning of April 2017 after a 35 year association with Stewart, 19 of those years as a Stewart employee.

Prior to joining Stewart George was the President and majority owner of Fort Bend Title Company and its subsidiary, Citizens Title Company. In 1998 George joined Stewart as the Senior Vice President for Stewart Title of Houston. From there he quickly moved in to regional and then national leadership roles for Agency. Today, George leads the Western States and is the National Agency District Manager for Stewart Title Guaranty Company.

During George's tenure with Stewart he has been a key member of the leadership team. George was instrumental in the turnaround of Agency. He has built lasting relationships with key agencies and has been a valued member and contributor to American Land and Title Association and the Texas Land Title Association. On notice of his retirement Stewart CEO Matt Morris said, "George's contributions to Stewart through his leadership in Policy Services as well as Agency Operations has been integral to our overall success. We'll surely miss him."

In addition to his sales and operations leadership in Agency George served as a Director for several profit and non-profit boards. They include, amongst others, Stewart Title Insurance Company, Stewart Vacation Ownership Title Agency, Houston Baptist University – College of Business Advisory Board, and T.W. Davis YMCA.

When asked what George plans to do in retirement he indicated that he wants to pursue a Masters in Biblical Studies, improve his golf game and travel. He is also looking forward to spending more time with his family including his two granddaughters.

Group President Pat Beall said of George, "His leadership and wise counsel have been vital to improving Agency Operations and will be missed. We congratulate George and wish him equal success as he transitions to retirement."

Congratulations to George on a well-deserved retirement. Many thanks for your efforts over the years across the Stewart organization, and especially in creating a strong, successful Agency operation!