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Reid is a preeminent Texas real estate and land use attorney and founder of Wilson Cribbs + Goren in 1985. A Fellow of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers (ACREL), Reid is one of few practicing Texas real estate attorneys holding the Counselors of Real Estate (CRE) designation. Board-certified in Commercial Real Estate Law and Property Owners Association Law, he brings to his practice a long history of relationships and reputation with governmental and POA lawyers and officials throughout southeast Texas. As the Chairman of Wilson Cribbs + Goren, Reid led the firm to a go-to Texas real estate boutique law firm.

An adept critical thinker, problem-solver and creative strategist, as well as a skilled negotiator, Reid advocates for the interests of a wide array of private and institutional clients, including residential, commercial and industrial developers, property owners, Fortune 500 companies, and other owners and operators of real property. He also has unique knowledge of the laws on land use rights of religious organizations; specifically, the constitutional and statutory exceptions granted to them under state and federal law.

Reid's practice involves a broad array of work related to both public and private land use regulations, such as deed restrictions (restrictive covenants), easements, development agreements, platting, economic development incentives, permitting and denial of permits, zoning, vested rights, and traditional land use matters. As a trusted partner to his clients, Reid also counsels businesses proactively on land use and real estate matters to help avoid costly missteps before they occur.

Reid has written, spoken and moderated on a wide variety of real estate and land use law topics, such as easement relocation, easement termination, equitably implied easements, street dedication and use, street abandonment, foreign ownership restrictions on Texas real estate, restrictive covenant enforcement, restrictive covenant modification, implied restrictions and easements, condominium termination, vested rights, brokerage, legislation, board of adjustment, golf course redevelopment, zoning, platting, county land use regulation, parking, drainage, development agreements, lender concerns in land use law, land use due diligence, development law checklist, public/private negotiations, alternative housing, smart growth, mixed use, resolving public/private land use disputes, lender/borrower negotiations, loan documents, foreclosure, letters of intent, assignment and subletting leases, landlord/tenant workouts, and other real estate and land use legal issues.

Reid is past chair of the Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law (REPTL) Section of the State Bar of Texas, the second-oldest and largest section of the State Bar of Texas, with more than 9,200 members. Reid is a Director of the Texas Real Estate and Probate Institute (T-REP), which reviews and lobbies changes to real estate and probate laws to keep them current and effective.

A former District Council Chair of the Urban Land Institute's Houston chapter, Reid has been a long-term contributor to the growth of that Council and is a long time full ULI member. He also was an adjunct professor at the Jones Graduate School of Business at Rice University, teaching *Real Estate and the Law* and *Best Practices in Real Estate Development*.

Texas Lawyer magazine awarded Reid its Lifetime Achievement, RED News named Reid a Real Estate Icon, and REPTL awarded Reid its Lifetime Achievement Award in 2026. Reid is listed in The Best Lawyers in America and Super Lawyers (Texas Monthly) for his expertise in Land Use and Zoning Law and in Real Estate Law. Reid has also been listed in Law dragon 500 Leading Global Real Estate Lawyers and Chambers.