

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with James Posey

PERSON

Posey, James, 1948-

Alternative Names: James Posey;

Life Dates: June 14, 1946-

Place of Birth: Beaumont, Texas, USA

Residence: Anchorage, AK

Occupations: Corporate Lawyer

Biographical Note

Corporate lawyer James Posey was born in 1948 in Beaumont, Texas. He enrolled at Lamar University before leaving to join the United States Air Force, where he served as a combat crewmember. Following his military service, he earned his B.A. degree in American history in 1972 from the University of Kansas. Posey went on to obtain his J.D. degree in 1975 from the University of Kansas School of Law.

Posey first worked in Atlantic Richfield's (ARCO) land department in Dallas, Texas. The next year, ARCO transferred him to Denver, Colorado. He later left ARCO and joined Worldwide Energy Corporation, a small oil and gas company. When ARCO began developing its Kuparuk River Field in Alaska, Posey was recruited and rehired to go to work there for the company. He worked for ARCO for more than fifteen years, retiring in 1996 to serve as Commissioner at Alaska Public Utilities Commission for the State of Alaska until July 1999. In 2000, Anchorage Mayor George Wuerch appointed him director of the Municipality of Anchorage Cultural and Recreational Services Department. He was responsible for oversight of the Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson-Center, the Anchorage Municipal Library System, Parks and Beautification, Sports and Recreation, and Chugiak/Eagle River Parks and Recreation. He held this position from July of 2000 to February of 2002. Posey was then named general manager of Municipal Light and Power (ML&P) for the Municipality of Anchorage from February of 2002 to January of 2014. In 2014, Posey founded the consultancy Posey Alaska LLC. From 2017 to 2018, he served as the Commissioner of Baseball for the Alaska Baseball League.

Posey has served as a member of the State of Alaska Renewable Energy Fund Advisory Committee and on the boards of the American Public Power Association, Northwest Public Power Association, Alaska Power Association and the Anchorage Community

Land Trust. He also does work with the nonprofit Anchorage's Promise, and was profiled in the Alaska Business Monthly in April of 2014.

Posey resides in Alaska with his wife, Sandi Posey. They have five children.

James Posey was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on March 2, 2020.

Related Entries

Beaumont-Charlton Pollard High School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Lamar University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Wichita State University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

B.A.

University of Kansas School of Law [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

J.D.

United States Air Force [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1966 to ?]

Crew

ARCO [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1975 to 1977]

Landman

Worldwide Energy Corporation [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1977 to 1979]

Counsel

ARCO [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1979 to 1995]

Landman

Alaska Public Utilities Commission [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1996 to 1999]

Commissioner

Anchorage's Cultural and Recreational Services Department [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 2000 to 2002]

Director of Municipality

Municipal Light & Power, Municipality of Anchorage [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 2003 to 2013]

General Manager

Posey Alaska, LLC [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 2014 to ?]

Founder

Alaska Baseball League [MEMBEROf]
[from 2017 to ?]

Commissioner

State of Alaska Renewable Energy Fund Advisory Committee [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

Member

American Public Power Association [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

Board

Northwest Public Power Association [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

Board

Alaska Power Association [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

Board

Anchorage Community Land Trust [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

Board