

RICHARD ROZIER

Richard Rozier joined GRS as a Principal in 1998, and is the former Mayor of the City of DeSoto. His strong regional leadership was recognized by other public officials through his election to the Board of Directors of the North Central Texas Council of Governments, and his selection to the Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition. He served on both of those Boards. He was also active in the Texas Municipal League, and the Metroplex Mayors Association. He currently serves on the board of the Chancellor's Leadership Council for the University of North Texas, Dallas Campus, Ellis County Meals on Wheels, and on the Executive Committee for the Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce.

Before joining GRS, Mr. Rozier served as Public Sector Services Manager for Waste Management of Texas. In that capacity, he was responsible for marketing the services of WMI to cities and counties. He also was responsible for building and maintaining relationships with city and county officials in North, East and Central Texas, which he has maintained since joining GRS. Prior to that Mr. Rozier owned R and R Construction, specializing in commercial construction, and he previously served as a pastor.

Mr. Rozier served as President of the DeSoto Housing Finance Corporation, the DeSoto Industrial Development Corporation, and the DeSoto Health Development Corporation. Additionally, he served on the Board of the North Texas Finance Corporation, and Chaired the Board of the Best Southwest Partnership, as well as serving on State Senator Royce West's Best Southwest Higher Education Committee, and Chair of Dallas County Homeland Security Advisory Committee. As Mayor, Mr. Rozier led advocacy efforts at the state and federal level to increase highway funding to the region.

Mr. Rozier was honored by the Texas Senate for "...outstanding leadership in the City of DeSoto and the Best Southwest communities of southern Dallas County..." and "...for his dedication to public service and for the exemplary work he has completed on behalf of his fellow citizens..." (Texas Senate Resolution 504, March 28, 2001). He was also honored by Governor Rick Perry as Mayor of the City of DeSoto, "In Recognition of His Service and Dedication to the Great State of Texas" (May 3, 2001). His knowledge and experience in the legislative process, and his strong relationships with both state and federal officials played a key role in dramatically successful efforts to increase funding to the region. He continues to be very active in Republican Party politics.