

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

ANDY LESTER

Andrew W. “Andy” Lester, from Edmond, Oklahoma, was appointed as an Oklahoma State Regent by Governor Mary Fallin in 2016, serving a nine year term ending in May 2025.

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education is the constitutional coordinating board for the Oklahoma colleges and universities responsible for allocating state funds, setting admission standards and academic policies.

Regent Lester is a partner in the Oklahoma City office of the law firm Spencer Fane LLP. His areas of emphasis include business, civil rights, constitutional and local government litigation. He has taught at the Oklahoma City University College of Law as an adjunct professor since 1988. He was appointed by Governor Brad Henry in 2007 and reappointed by Governor Henry in 2010 as a member of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges, and also served as a Trustee of Eureka College in Central Illinois.

Regent Lester earned his law degree and a master’s degree in foreign service from Georgetown University in 1981. He graduated from Duke University in 1977 with a bachelor’s degree in history. In 1980, he was a member of President Ronald Reagan’s Transition Team for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Regent Lester is a deacon at First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City and has served on the board of advisors for the Salvation Army’s Oklahoma City command since 2002. He is also a member and former chairman of the Oklahoma Advisory Committee for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Regent Lester and his wife, Barbara, live in Edmond, and have a daughter, Susan.