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Prior to coming to the UT System in 2004, he was Chief Legislative Counsel and Executive Director of the Texas Legislative Council, a legislative service agency providing nonpartisan legal, research, and information technology services for both houses of the Texas legislature. Simultaneous with his Council service, he also served as parliamentarian for the Texas House of Representatives and as General Counsel to the Texas House of Representatives.

Steve lives in Buda, Texas and is active community and church affairs. His wife of more than 40 years, Beth, is a retired teacher and active grandparent. They have two children and either five or six grandchildren, depending on who you count