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Mr. West is Chairman of TLI Leadership Group, a strategic consulting firm since 2006 and Chairman of Noblis, Inc., a nonprofit science and technology company since 2001. From 2004 to 2006, Secretary West was the Chief Executive Officer of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, a nonprofit research and public policy institution. He served as Of Counsel to the Washington, D.C. based law firm of Covington & Burling from 2000 to 2004.

He served as the United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs (1998 – 2000), as well as United States Secretary of the Army under President Clinton (1993 – 1997). In previous administrations he served as General Counsel of the Department of Defense, Special Assistant to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense, General Counsel of the Navy, and Associate Deputy Attorney General in the U.S. Department of Justice. Secretary West was co-chair of the Department of Defense's Independent Review Group of rehabilitative health care at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the National Naval Medical Center in 2007; he was co-chair of the Department of Defense Independent Review Related to Fort Hood in 2009; he has previously served as a member of the Defense Policy Board.

Secretary West received the Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from Howard University in 1965, and in 1968, a degree in law from the same university, where he was Managing Editor of the Howard Law Journal, graduating cum laude and first in his class. His awards and accomplishments include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Silver Buffalo Award for his contributions to America's youth; he was also named Distinguished Eagle Scout by the Boy Scouts of America. He currently serves on the Board of MedStar Health, was Chairman of the Advisory Board to the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, and is currently the Chairman of the District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics, and is a member of several corporate boards.