Steven L. Remley graduated from Westminster College in 1973 with a degree in Psychology. He was an active member of the Kappa Alpha Order and Westminster's ROTC program. Remley received numerous awards through his participation in the ROTC program including Distinguished Military Student, Distinguished Military Graduate, selection for attendance of the US Army's Ranger school in lieu of the traditional summer camp, and selection for flight training.

Following graduation, Remley was tendered a Regular Army commission and immediately entered active duty service in the United States Army. During his 21-year military career, Remley served in numerous command and staff positions culminating with his final assignment as the commander of a combat aviation battalion. Remley served as the Department of Defense liaison officer with the National Archives and Records Administration for the movement of President Ronald Reagan's archival materials from Washington D.C. to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California. The project required over four months to complete and required Remley to coordinate the efforts of the President's staff, Departments of the Army, Navy and Air Force, the National Archives and Records Administration, the Federal Protective Service, and various military installations and other government agencies throughout the United States. In 1987, while assigned as a military strategist to the joint services staff in the Republic of Korea, Remley prepared remarks, statements and testimony for the Commander-in-Chief, Combined US–ROK Forces Command defining US and Republic of Korea military preparedness and politico-military strategy for the Korean peninsula for presentation before the Senate Armed Services Committee. Remley was invited to Westminster in 1992 to serve as the speaker and commissioning officer for the final ROTC graduates of the College. One of the young officers in that last class later joined Remley's aviation battalion following completion of flight school.

Following his retirement from active duty service in 1994, Remley turned his interest to environmental recycling. The industry was at its beginnings and open for entrepreneurial entry by small companies that could meet the regulatory requirements and provide consistently high levels of customer service. With a few small investors, Remley established Environmental Light Recyclers, Inc. in 1995 and began processing hazardous mercury-containing fluorescent lamps. The company initially employed three people, including Remley, the President, who serviced the Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas area. The company has since grown to 12 employees who now provide recycling services primarily to the south-central United States. As the geographic reach of the company has expanded, the materials accepted and recycled have also expanded to include computer and household electronics, batteries, light ballast, and mercury-containing switches and devices. Environmental Light Recyclers, Inc. has been repeatedly recognized for environmental excellence by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Recycling Alliance of Texas.

Remley has been an active proponent of his chosen industry. In 1999, Remley was instrumental in the founding of the Association of Lighting and Mercury Recyclers, an industry organization dedicated to excellence within the lamp recycling industry and to the education of the general public, business, industry, and government agencies regarding the hazards that mercury poses to each of us and to our environment. Remley served as the founding president of the organization and actively participates in its educational and lobbying activities.

Remley is an active supporter of the Fort Worth community, including the Fort Worth Habitat for Humanity, the Children's Concerts benefit of the Symphony League for Fort Worth and the Youth League soccer and baseball teams. In addition, Environmental Light Recyclers has volunteered its services in the annual Fort Worth and Dallas Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days for a number of years.

Remley resides in Fort Worth, Texas with his wife Melinda (WWU ’73). They have two children, Barbara and Brad, and one granddaughter, Alexis.

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