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Current

Dean Emeritus
Owen Graduate School of Management
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Corporate

Non-Executive Chairman and Board member of Cracker Barrel Inc. (NASDAQ CBRL) 2011 – present

- Awarded Non-Executive Chairman of the Year 2015 for all NYSE and NASDAQ listed companies by the NYSE Leadership and Governance analysis section
- Work extensively with the CEO, management team and Board members in operations and governance

Lead Director and Board member Genesco, Inc. (NYSE GCO) 2005 - present

- Work closely with the CEO, management team and Board members on matters of corporate governance, compliance, strategy, and performance.
- Serve as member of Compensation & Chair of Governance committee

Board member of Clarcor Inc. (NYSE CLC) - global filtration company with operations in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, the Americas, India, China, Australia. 2006 -Present

- Serve as Chair of the Compensation committee

Board member Granite Construction Inc. (NYSE GVA)

- Member of the Executive, Chair of the Compensation and member of the Audit committee 2007 - present

Immediate Past Graduate Business Education Experience

Dean Owen Graduate School of Management
Vanderbilt Owen Graduate School of Management
March 2005 –June 20013 Dean & Ralph Owen Professor of Management, June 2004 – March 2005 Acting Dean

- Instituted new degree programs
 - Master of Science Finance
 - Master of Accountancy
 - Master of Health Care Management

- Americas MBA program
- Instituted healthcare major for MBA students
- Instituted 30 day business boot camp for non-business undergraduate majors
- Increased admissions selectivity by 70%, established increasingly higher admission standards, GMAT scores, work experience, recruited prestigious faculty - all leading to an increase in prestige and school ranking from 49 to top 25 graduate business school.
- Assembled a Board of Visitors comprised of prominent domestic and global business leaders.

Past board member, Vice Chair, Chair elect and Chairman of the Graduate Management Admissions Council 2007 – 2013

- Facilitated introduction and ultimate creation of new assessment tool “Reflect” for use by graduate students and business leaders and executives & employees
 - Served as executive committee member selecting and transitioning the new CEO of the leading graduate business school set of admission assessment tools currently serving global markets.
 - Lead the recruitment of new members of the board.
 - Currently serve on Transition team for new CEO GMAT, Sangeet Chowfla
- AACSB Team leader for graduate business school maintenance of accreditation standards
- Example of schools served
 - Cornell Johnson School
 - Case Western Reserve Weatherhead School
 - Southern Methodist University Cox School
 - Naval Post Graduate School

Prior

Associate Dean of Corporate Relations & Professor for the Practice of Management

Vanderbilt Owen Graduate School of Management

November 2003 – March 2005

- Responsible for building corporate & enhancing alumni relations for the benefit of the Owen Graduate School
- Taught Core Strategy first to two and then all four sessions of the Core Strategy

Clinical Professor of Management – Owen Graduate School August 2002 – November 2003

- Taught Core Strategy
- Winner of the Dean’s teaching award

Adjunct Professor Owen Graduate School, January 2002 – June 2002

- Taught Global Strategy, lead to full time appointment to faculty at Owen Graduate School of Management

CEO United Glass Corporation 1999 – 2002

- Lead simultaneous merger of 10 operating glass fabrication companies with 34 plants/facilities located from British Columbia to South Florida and from New York to Southern California
- Consolidated operations, leading best practices and leading to improvement in operating income and performance.

CEO AFG Industries Inc. 1992 – 1999

VP & General Counsel AFG Industries, Inc. 1984-1992

- One of America’s leading flat glass manufacturing companies;
- Global flat glass responsibilities
- Largest vertically integrated glass producer, fabricator and distributor in the Americas
- Americas entry for Asahi Glass Corporation, the largest global flat glass producer/fabricator.
- Lead M&A teams for the acquisition of a variety of flat glass producers/fabricators
- Lead in building a joint relationship with Schott Glass Werke to establish the largest appliance glass producer in the Americas.

Hunter, Smith Davis (1973-1984)

- Private practice

Education

Vanderbilt University 1973

- Doctorate of Jurisprudence

University of Florida 1969

- Bachelor of Arts

Harvard Business School 1997, Advanced Management Program

