



Cydney C. Donnell '81

Executive Summary

Cydney Donnell '81 had a successful career in real estate before coming back to Texas A&M as Executive Professor at the Mays School of Business. For over 19 years, Cydney held various positions at European Investors, Inc. in New York, most notably as Managing Director and Principal. In 2004, Cydney began sharing her knowledge of portfolio management and real estate capital markets with the current students of Texas A&M. In addition to her duties at Texas A&M, Cydney serves on boards of American Campus Communities, Madison Harbor Balances Strategies, Inc. and Employees Retirement Fund of Texas. Cydney has achieved excellence as a former student in her professional accomplishments and her contributions have had and will continue to have an impact on future generations of Aggie Women.



Education

Cydney Donnell graduated Magna Cum Laude from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor's of Business Administration in Finance and received an M.B.A. from Southern Methodist University in 1982.

Professional Accomplishments

Cydney is currently an Executive Professor at the Mays School of Business at Texas A&M where she is teaching both graduate and undergraduate level finance classes in portfolio management and real estate capital markets. She is also the current Director of Real Estate Programs overseeing the Master of Real Estate Program and undergraduate real estate finance classes.

From 1986 to 2005, Cydney held various positions, most notably as Managing Director and Principal of European Investors, Inc. /E.I.I. Realty Securities, Inc. in New York, NY. Previously, she spent over four years as Loan Officer at Republic Bank.

Cydney is on the Board of Directors of American Campus Communities, a publicly traded REIT and leader in the student housing industry and a member of their Executive Committee and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. She is also on the Board of Directors of Madison Harbor Balanced Strategies, Inc., an SEC registered real estate fund of funds, and a member of their Valuation, Nominating and Compensation and Audit committee. Cydney is an appointed Board of Trustee and Vice Chair of the employee Retirement System of Texas, a \$22 billion retirement system which oversees the retirement benefits and the health care benefits of employees of the State of Texas and a member of their Audit Committee.

Cydney is a former member of the Board of Governors – National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts and founding member of WX – Women Executives in Real Estate. Cydney was named as one of Association of Real Estate Women 100 Women Real Estate Leaders for the 21st Century and in 2006 received the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts Industry Achievement Award.

Dedication to Texas A&M University

Cydney is currently a board member of the Mays Business School Finance Council and a former board member of The Association of Former Students, serving as Chair of the Compensation Committee, Member of the Fundraising Capital Campaign and the Audit and Finance Committees. She is a member of the Society of Texas A&M Real Estate Professionals and is also a former member of the Texas A&M Foundation Investment Advisory Committee. While in New York, she was a member of Aggies on Wall Street and is a lifetime member of the NY A&M Club. In 2007 Cydney had a Fish Camp named after her. Cydney is a charter member of the Women Former Students' Network and a member of the Women's Legacy Fund.

Community and Civic Service

Cydney has been involved in many community and service activities, including:

- o The Junior League of the City of New York, Board of Managers and Executive Committee; former Treasurer; former Focus are Manager – Healthy Foundations; Member and Volunteer since 1985
- o Facilities Corporation of Kappa Alpha Theta, Board member and Treasurer