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CHARLES MILLER

Business Activities

During a career in investment management, which spanned several decades from the 1960's to the 1990's, Charles Miller was a highly successful portfolio manager, as well as an entrepreneur in the investment management industry. He was an innovator and a pioneer in the era of professional investment management of institutional assets, especially in the area of corporate, public and jointly trustee pension funds. He built a large mutual fund company with a wide variety of product lines, including money market, equity and fixed income funds, domestic and foreign, with distribution in all fifty states. In a later period, he developed an investment fund which invested in special situation equities and in recent years he has managed family portfolios.

Education Activities

Miller has also been actively and successfully involved in education issues for two decades.

As Chairman of the Education Policy Center of Texas, he took the lead in designing the first statewide public school accountability system, which later served as the model for No Child Left Behind federal legislation. This accountability system has shifted public education policies toward focusing on academic outcomes rather than exclusively on resource inputs.

The development of a strong accountability system in public education also allowed for deregulation from a central, state-level bureaucracy to more local control and responsibility. Improved academic results overall and a closing of the gaps in the educational performance of at-risk school children has been a demonstrable result of the accountability system.

As Chairman of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System, Miller took the lead toward developing better higher education accountability systems, to be matched with deregulation and institutional autonomy. He also fostered strategies to generate significant increases in research funding, enrollment, patient care, private contributions and tuition revenues, while increasing financial aid.

In an earlier role as a member of the Board of Visitors of The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, Miller chaired the public policy effort, which resulted in substantial deregulation of university medical institutions, allowing these institutions to adjust successfully to the significant restructuring in the delivery of health care over the following decade.

Prior Higher Education Activities

The University of Texas System appointed by Governor Bush (February 1999)
Chairman, Board of Regents (2001-2004)
Member, Board of Regents (February, 1999 – July, 2004)

The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center
Member, Board of Visitors (1993-1999)
Chairman, Government Relations Committee

Rice University
Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Administration
Member of Advisory Board

St. John's College
Member, Board of Visitors and Governors
Chairman, Finance Committee

Texas Southern University
Member, Advisory Committee for the President

University of Houston Foundation, Houston, Texas
Chairman, Board of Trustees

University of Houston,
Member, Presidential Development and Advisory Council for the 21st Century