

Biography for David A. Hirsch

David's professional career began in 1982 when he obtained his CPA and worked as an auditor and then tax accountant with **Price Waterhouse** in Chicago. From 1985 to 2008 he has been a financial advisor with **Smith Barney, Inc.**, where he was a Senior Vice President, a Senior Investment Management Consultant, and a member of the firm's Chairman's Council since 1990. He is now a Director at Private Banking USA, a division of **Credit Suisse** and a principal of the **Hirsch-Kelly Group**. Their clients include foundations, endowments, profit sharing plans, as well as a large number of business owners and professionals. They pride themselves on taking a consultative approach in a product-driven industry.



He earned his MBA from **Northwestern University's J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management** and a Bachelors of Science degree in Accountancy from the **University of Illinois**. He is also a graduate of the IMCA Certified Investment Management Analyst Program at the University of Pennsylvania's **Wharton School of Business** and the Charter Private Wealth Advisor Program at **University of Chicago**.

David is founder of **Illinois Fatherhood Initiative**, the country's first state wide non-profit fatherhood organization, whose mission is connecting children and fathers by promoting responsible fathering and helping to equip men to become better fathers and father-figures. IFI has programs in schools, hospital, and workplaces across Illinois.

From 1993 to 1996 David was a Kellogg National Fellow with the **W.K. Kellogg Foundation**. He was one of 50 selected from a pool of more than 800 applicants to go through this three year interdisciplinary leadership program. He dedicated 3 months a year for three years and used his \$36k grant to study "what motivates people to be philanthropic."

David is currently a director of the Barrington Area Community Foundation; a member the University of Illinois Foundation President's Council, Union League Club of Chicago, Illinois Viper Club, Illinois CPA Society, AICPA, Theta Xi National Fraternity, the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Chicago, Chicago Police Memorial Foundation, Investment Management Consultants Association (IMCA) and PADI. He was formerly a member of Habitat for Humanity's International Board of Advisors and a charter member of The Chicago Community Trust Young Leaders Group and Fund

He was recognized by **Crain's Chicago Business** in 1994 as one of the "40 under 40" and by **Registered Representative Magazine** in 1995 as one of the country's "Outstanding Brokers." In 2000 he received the John Stanford Education Heroes Award from the **U.S. Department of Education**. In 2005 the **Illinois CPA Society** recognized David with its Distinguished Public Service Award. In 2007, he was recognized as a Fathers of the Year, by **Illinois Fatherhood Initiative**. In 2009 he finished the **Wisconsin Ironman Triathlon** and received the **Man of Distinction Award from Theta Xi National Fraternity**, the 2nd person in the fraternity's 145 year history. In 2012 he co-founded TEAMDAD, a social business venture, and was also a recipient of the **Ellis Island Medal of Honor**. In 2015 he completed the **Dads Honor Ride** a 2,300+ mile charity bicycle ride from Santa Monica to Chicago. He also gave a **TEDx Talk** entitled *Why We Need To Break The Cycle Of Father Absence*.

David and his wife Peggy, have five children; Dave (26), Amanda (24), Emily (22), Charlie (20), and Addie (19) and live in Barrington Hills, IL. His interests include reading, triathlons, fishing, and youth sports.

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