



David Blenko

ESC Consultant Since: 2019

Education:

M.S., Organizational Development, Pepperdine University

M.B.A., Stanford Business School

B.A., Amherst College

Certificate in Nonprofit Board Education, BoardSource

Certificate in Fundraising, University of California, Los Angeles Extension

AREAS OF EXPERTISE: General management, board development, fundraising, finance, organizational development, strategic planning

NONPROFIT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: As the Chief Governance Officer at HOPE *worldwide*, a Christian poverty-relief organization, David served as Board Secretary and focused on strengthening the organization's international network, introducing board governance best practices, and strengthening risk management. Prior to that, David served HOPE *worldwide* as Chief Development Officer, leading a team focused on improved communications, better use of technology and more targeted fundraising efforts, with strong positive results.

PRIVATE SECTOR EXPERIENCE: Before moving into the nonprofit sector, David founded and ran Haverford Capital, a high-yield investment company that financed over \$1 billion in assets and property. David began his career in real estate finance. As a Vice President at Continental Bank he oversaw a \$1.0 billion construction loan portfolio. At Highridge Partners, a private real estate investment firm, he was in charge of complex financings.

NONPROFIT VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE: David initiated a venture involving the American Youth Soccer Association (AYSO) and Westcoast Sports Associates to provide soccer programs for economically disadvantaged youth. He chaired a strategic planning process for St. Peter's by the Sea Presbyterian Church. David has also led fundraising campaigns for Amherst College, Stanford Business School and the Pepperdine M.S. in Organizational Development community.

EXAMPLES OF ESC CLIENTS: Downtown Women's Center, Pacific Asian Counseling Center, P.S. Arts

INTERESTS: Pro bono work for organizations committed to making this a better world, time with friends and family, reading, travel, soccer