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PROFESSOR OF PRACTICE

Professor of Practice Mark Stapp is a well-known expert in Phoenix-area real estate. Stapp teaches future real estate leaders at the highly ranked W. P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University and is an accomplished real estate developer himself.

As the Fred E. Taylor Professor at the W. P. Carey School, Stapp is executive director of the popular one-year Master of Real Estate Development program for real estate professionals. He also serves as a faculty associate at ASU's Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts. Outside ASU, Stapp has been part of various business enterprises and development projects across the United States for more than 30 years. He often writes columns and participates in interviews for the media on the real estate industry.

Stapp's lengthy industry resume includes several leadership positions. He is a managing member of investment and development firm Pyramid Community Developers, LLC and president of Cahava Springs Development Corp. He previously served as president of U.S. operations for Swiss investment company Naef International Management; chairman of the board of Taliesin Architects, Inc.; vice president of planning and development services for Lendrum Design

Group; managing director of Mountain West Research; and senior vice president of The Ellman Companies. He founded, operated and then sold First City Homes, a Phoenix-based homebuilder. He is a member of the International Council of Shopping Centers' North American Research Task Force and serves as co-chair of its academic research committee. He was named a Distinguished Fellow of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP). He serves on the boards of the Local Initiatives Support Corporation in Phoenix (LISC), the Valley of the Sun YMCA and Arizona Forward.

Stapp completed his undergraduate work in environmental studies and urban design at William Paterson University. He also did graduate work in urban economics at Arizona State University, participated in the Stanford University Graduate School of Business executive-education program, and received a Doctor of Humane Letters from A.T. Still University.