

Ford Nicholson

Ford Nicholson, 63, was born and raised in St. Paul, Minnesota and continues to reside there. He attended St. Paul Academy and graduated from Western Reserve Academy. He then matriculated at the Tulane School of Architecture and graduated from Macalester College with a B.A. in Economics and Business. He went on to get his M.B.A. in Finance and Marketing from the University of St. Thomas.

After college he worked for the family business, Blackbourn, Inc., a manufacturer of ring binders, and plastic packaging for cassettes, videocassettes, and CD's. He served as Chairman of the Board/CEO for six years until it was sold in 1993. Since then, he started up and operated White Bear Mini Storage until it was sold in 2016. He has been involved in real estate projects in Costa Rica and Panama for the last 20 years.

He currently is President of Draft Co., a family investment partnership and is a principal of PAN, Inc. which is the title for the Nicholson Family Office. He is also an active officer in the Nicholson Family Foundation and runs the Ford and Catherine Nicholson Fund as a part of that Foundation. The Fund focuses on environmental, educational, and social causes.

He has actively served on numerous Boards over the years including Macalester College, Mounds Park Academy, Boys and Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities, and the Schubert Club.

Ford is married with 3 adult children and his interest include golf, sailing, traveling, following Minnesota sports, and reading.