

IHLA 2024 Lifetime Achievement Awardee



Mr. Tom Ricketts
Executive Chairman
Chicago Cubs

Tom Ricketts is the Executive Chairman of the Chicago Cubs. He is also the Founder and Chairman of fintech securities underwriting and distribution firm, InspereX. Tom founded Incapital, later renamed InspereX, in 1999 and was the CEO of the firm through 2009. During that period, Tom was named Institutional Investor Magazine’s “40 Most Influential in E-Finance” five times and was the 2010 E&Y Midwest Entrepreneur of the Year in Financial Services.

In 2009, Tom led his family’s bid for the Chicago Cubs. In 2016, the organization won its first World Series title in 108 years, snapping the longest championship drought in North American major sports history. The Cubs were named Organization of the year by Baseball America and Tom was named Sports Business Journal Executive of the Year in 2017. Tom also led his family’s \$1 billion private financing of the restoration of Wrigley Field and development of adjacent properties now known as Gallagher Way and the Hotel Zachary. Tom received the Urban Land Institute Lifetime Achievement Award for the project and remains Chairman of Marquee Development, which is working on similar projects at other sports, recreation and entertainment facilities.

Tom is a Founder and Director of Marquee Sports Network. Launched in 2020, Marquee Sports Network has won multiple Midwest Emmys including Best Live Game Production. In 2023, Marquee Sports Network launched its own streaming offer to consumers. Tom is Chairman of Marquee Ventures. Marquee Ventures invests in early-stage companies with novel or innovative ideas with applications in the sports and entertainment market.

Tom serves on several private and non-profit boards including Meijer Corp, The Field Museum of Chicago, and The Executive Club of Chicago.

Tom has an AB in Economics and an MBA from the University of Chicago. He won the Business School’s Distinguished Young Alumnus Award in 2005.

Tom and his wife, Cecelia, a physician, met in the bleachers at Wrigley Field. They live in the Chicago area and have five children

IHLA 2024 Ambassadors of Hospitality



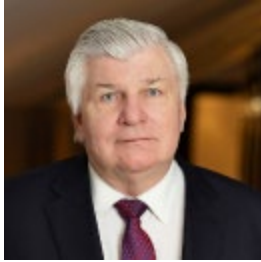
**Ms. Larita Clark, CPA
Chief Executive Officer
Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority**

Larita Clark is the first African American to serve as Chief Executive Officer of the Metropolitan Pier & Exposition Authority (MPEA). A native of West Garfield Park, Chicago, Larita has been blazing trails since she was a high school student. She was class valedictorian at Austin High School. Larita went on to earn her Bachelor of Business Administration from Loyola University Chicago, her license as a Certified Public Accountant, and her Master of Management from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management.

Larita was appointed CEO in January 2020. Prior to being appointed CEO, Larita served as Chief Financial Officer of MPEA. In her role, Larita provides leadership direction to fulfill MPEA's mission of hosting tradeshow, conventions, meetings, and events thereby, generating revenue and creating jobs to strengthen the economy of the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois.

In calendar year 2023, 115 events representing nearly \$1.04 million hotel room nights, were held at the McCormick Place convention center. These events generated nearly \$1.81 billion in economic impact for the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois and supported a campus-wide workforce of approximately 11,000 people.

MPEA owns and operates McCormick Place, North America's largest convention center, the Wintrust Arena, the Marriott Marquis Chicago, the Hyatt Regency Chicago, and an on-campus energy center.



Mr. Michael W Reschke
Chairman and CEO
The Prime Group

Mr. Michael W. Reschke serves as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The Prime Group, Inc. and its various affiliates, a Chicago-based national real estate development and investment firm. Mr. Reschke founded The Prime Group, Inc. in 1982 and for the last four decades, has directed and managed the acquisition and development of over \$14.0 billion of institutional-quality real estate projects across the United States. Under the direction and leadership of Mr. Reschke, The Prime Group, Inc. and its affiliates have become one of the preeminent real estate development companies in the country, having achieved repeated recognition for its dedication to world-class architecture, innovation, and state-of-the-art technology in all of its developments.

Starting in 2007, Prime led the renaissance of the hospitality market in the downtown Loop submarket with the \$460.0 million redevelopment of 208 South LaSalle, converting the lower twelve floors of the historic building into the award-winning 610-key luxury J.W. Marriott Hotel, which opened in November 2010. Prime also completed the conversion of the historic Roanoke Building at 11 South LaSalle in downtown Chicago into an award-winning 381-key Marriott Residence Inn, which opened September 2015. Recently, Prime completed the \$125.0 million redevelopment of the upper five floors of the 208 South LaSalle building into “The LaSalle Hotel” a luxury Autograph Collection Hotel by Marriott. The 232-room hotel opened in June 2022.

Most recently, an affiliate of Prime, Prime/Capri Interests, LLC (“PCI”), acquired the 1.2 million RSF James R. Thompson Center office building at 100 West Randolph from the State of Illinois. In July 2022, PCI entered into a build-to-suit agreement with Google for Google to own and occupy the entire building upon completion of a transformative renovation of the building to the highest-Class A plus office standards. PCI also recently acquired the former BMO downtown office campus and is completing a build-to-suit office renovation of the west tower (115 South LaSalle) for the State of Illinois and intends to convert the east towers (111 West Monroe) to a 349-unit luxury apartment building (the “Monroe Residences”) and a 310-key luxury hotel (the “Monroe Hotel”)

Mr. Reschke holds a Juris Doctorate law degree (Summa Cum Laude) from the University of Illinois and a B.S. of Accounting (Summa Cum Laude) from Northern Illinois University.



Mr. John W. Rutledge
Founder, Chairman and CEO
Oxford Capital Group, LLC

A real estate investor, developer, financier and entrepreneur, John W. Rutledge is the Founder, Chairman and CEO of Oxford Capital Group, LLC, an award-winning international real estate private equity, asset management, property management and development firm headquartered in Chicago. Oxford concentrates on complicated, large-scale acquisitions, developments and redevelopments. John is also the Founder, Chairman and CEO of its primary hotel operating affiliate, Oxford Hotels and Resorts, LLC., which specializes in managing and branding distinctive, high design luxury lifestyle hotels and food & beverage venues. Its proprietary hospitality brands include: Godfrey, LondonHouse, Julian, IO, ALK, SOMA House, Fiona and Garrett. In addition to its numerous national projects in NYC, Boston, Washington, DC, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and many other cities, Oxford has been involved in 15 Chicago area hotel projects including such noted ones as: LondonHouse, Langham, Godfrey, Julian, Le Meridien Essex, Essex on the Park, Thompson, Wyndham Chicago (now Hyatt Centric), Hotel Felix, Renaissance Northshore and many others.