

# The Professional Work of Christian Heilmann '72



Mr. Christian Heilmann '72 is a recently retired U.S. Trust Vice Chairman where he served as a special advisor to the firm's President and Leadership Team. Prior to his appointment, he was U.S. Trust's Chief Fiduciary Executive and a Managing Director of Bank of America, NA where he served as Chairman of the Bank's Fiduciary Risk Oversight Committee.

Prior to the Bank of America and Merrill Lynch merger, Heilmann was Chairman and CEO of Merrill Lynch Trust Company, Chairman & CEO of Merrill Lynch Trust Company of Delaware, and a Managing Director of the Merrill Lynch US Bank Group.

A veteran of 46 years in the trust and private banking fields, Heilmann joined Merrill Lynch in January 2000 after 27 years at Fleet Financial Group, Boston where he had been Executive Vice President and Senior Operating Manager of Fleet's Fiduciary Services Group.

He is a past member of the following organizations: American Bankers Association Wealth Management & Trust Executive Advisory Committee (chair), the Trust Management Association, Inc., Fleet Trust and Investment Advisory Company of Florida (board member), and New York State Bankers Association's Estate Planning and Legislative Committees.

Heilmann currently sits on the board of the Penn Medicine Princeton Medical Center Foundation and serves on the Leadership Council of Partnership with Children, New York City.

Heilmann holds a B.A. in English from Westminster College, and currently serves as a member of the college's Board of Distinguished Visitors. He earned Certified Trust and Financial Advisor and Certified Financial Services Counselor designations from the Graduate Trust School at Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.

In June 2004, he was named Private Banker of the Year in New York City by the New York Region of the Anti-Defamation League. In June 2013, he was the recipient of the Community Leadership Award from the NYC Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. He also is a well-known speaker at regional and national conferences on trust strategy, regulatory, risk management and marketing topics.