

Cornel A. Williams

Doctor of Business Administration

Cornel Williams graduated summa cum laude from then College of the Virgin Islands in 1982 with a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting. He obtained a Master of Business Administration degree with a concentration in Finance from the University of Illinois in 1986. He returned to the Virgin Islands in 1988 after serving two years as Manager of Finance at Ford Motor Company.

Mr. Williams recently retired from International Capital and Management Company (ICMC), a private merchant banking firm on St. Thomas. He was employed by ICMC for fifteen years, first as Chief Financial Officer (four years) and later as President (11 years). He managed the company through a period of significant growth in services to clients in the United States, with Cancer Treatment Centers of America as the principal client. Mr. Williams also takes pride in having expanded the company's community outreach efforts, with a primary focus on education and youth development as well as cancer support and outreach. This outreach has included ICMC's signature "Jazz in the Park" concert series and community efforts to revitalize downtown Charlotte Amalie. Under his leadership, ICMC was a major partner and source of philanthropic support for many non-profit organizations.



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Mr. Williams held several key positions prior to ICMC such as Deputy Executive Director of the Virgin Islands Port Authority, Accounting Manager of the Virgin Islands Port Authority, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of The Lockhart Companies, Finance Manager for the Virgin Islands Telephone Corporation, and Finance Manager for VI Maritime Services.

One constant for Mr. Williams has been a close working relationship with the University of the Virgin Islands. He once served as a full-time employee in the Business Office, a part-time instructor in the School of Business, and maintained a thirteen year partnership with the School of Business in delivering a summer residency program for high school students.

Mr. Williams also takes time to serve on a number of boards. He is currently Chairman of the St. Thomas & St. John District Board of Directors of the VI Government Hospitals and Health Facilities Corporation. He also currently serves on the boards of International Capital & Management Company, International Private Bank, The Lockhart Companies, VI Montessori School & Peter Gruber International Academy, Virgin Islands Capital Resources, and most recently the board of Lutheran Social Services. In the past, he has served on the board of the United Way of St. Thomas and St. John, serving as the board's 2003/2004 President. He is also a past board member of United Way International, headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia, and also served as Chair of the organization's Caribbean Regional Council.

Mr. Williams was born on the island of St. Kitts and has been a resident of the U.S. Virgin Islands for over 35 years. He currently resides on St. Thomas with his wife Lena.

Fifty-Fifth Annual Commencement



ST. CROIX
Thursday, the Sixteenth of May
Two Thousand and Nineteen
One O'clock in the Afternoon
Albert A. Sheen Campus
St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands

ST. THOMAS
Friday, the Seventeenth of May
Two Thousand and Nineteen
One O'clock in the Afternoon
UVI Sports and Fitness Center
St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands