

CURRICULUM VITAE

THOMAS E. CHRISTMAN

Mr. Christman retired in 1990 as Chairman and CEO of CM&M Group, Inc., where he was employed since 1970. In 1971 and at the age of 31, Mr. Christman became the President & CEO of CM&M. CM&M (now HSBC Securities) is a “primary dealer” in U.S. Government securities and an active participant in numerous other global securities activities, with offices in major money market centers in the U.S. and in Canada, London, France, Hong Kong, Singapore and Japan. He initiated and negotiated the sale of CM&M Group to the Hongkong Shanghai Bank (HSBC) in 1983. Under HSBC, Mr. Christman also served as Chairman of HSBC’s Global Capital Markets Planning Committee.

Mr. Christman served for ten years as an independent director of Quick and Reilly (Q&R), until the firm was sold to Fleet Bank Corp. Due to his extensive experience in the international markets, Mr. Christman was asked by the Chairman of Q&R, Leslie Quick, to develop international business activities for Quick & Reilly. Subsequent to his retirement from CM&M Group in 1990, Mr. Christman undertook this assignment and several years later launched two foreign business activities for Q&R. In Switzerland, he established a wholly-owned institutional dealership in U.S. equities. In Japan, he initiated and negotiated with Sanwa Bank a joint-venture to do electronic on-line retail brokerage in Japanese and US securities.

Mr. Christman was Chairman of the Board of Directors of State Bank of Long Island, until it was merged into Valley National Bank in January 2013. He also was a member of the Board of Directors of ABR Information Systems, a Tampa, Florida based “Cobra” out-sourcing firm. This firm went “public” in the mid-nineties, and then subsequently was acquired by a larger and broader based out-sourcing firm.

Prior to 1970, Mr. Christman was a senior auditor with Price Waterhouse & Co. and an Assistant Professor at Iona College, New Rochelle, NY.

Mr. Christman is active in health care and has served on the Board St. Francis Hospital, the Heart Center in Roslyn, NY, for 33 years and served a term as the Hospital’s Chairman. He also served on the Board of the Catholic Healthcare System of Long Island for 15 years and as Chairman of the Hospital System’s Finance Committee. He is an Adjunct Professor of Finance at St John’s University, New York, a contributing author of an economic text entitled *Side Effects of Rising Industrial Pollution* and co-author of two articles for *Corporate Finance* journal. Mr. Christman also has guest lectured at the New School for Social Research and Yale University.

Mr. Christman received a BBA Degree in Accounting from Iona College and an MBA Degree in Corporate Finance from Hofstra University. He is a Certified Public Accountant, New York State and the recipient, in 1986, of an Honorary Doctorate Degree, LLD, from Iona College, whereat he was the College’s graduation “Commencement Speaker”.

In addition to his many professional, governance, and academic activities, Mr. Christman served three years in the US Army Infantry and possesses an FAA license as a Commercial Pilot.