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R. Malcolm Richards received his Ph.D. in Business Administration (Finance) from The University of Michigan (1974). He also holds a B.A. degree (Political Science) and an M.B.A. degree (Finance) from The University of Utah. Professor Richards currently serves as Acting Provost at the American University of Sharjah (beginning June, 2013). Professor Richards served as dean of the School of Business and Management at the American University of Sharjah from January 2006 until his retirement in August, 2012. During his tenure as dean, the American University of Sharjah received initial business accreditation from AACSB. From January, 1995 through December, 2005, he served as director of the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University, a \$2.5 million center that serves the Texas real estate industry. He formerly served two years as Dean of the W. Frank Barton School of Business at Wichita State University. Prior to that time, he was Associate Dean for Administration and External Relations in the College of Business Administration and Graduate School of Business at Texas A&M University.

Professor Richards has served as a consultant and expert witness in the areas of valuation, corporate finance, and investments. He has participated in executive development programs and as a guest faculty member in training programs conducted by major corporations. He is active in community and church programs. He has served as a member of the Capital Improvement Committee for the city of College Station (Texas) and as a member of the Bryan/College Station Joint Block Grant Committee. He served as chairman of the Arrowmoon District of the Sam Houston Area Council and as the Training Chairman for the Quiver Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Results of Professor Richards' research have been published in the *Journal of Business*, *Financial Executive*, the *Journal of Portfolio Management*, *The Financial Review*, the *Journal of Economics and Business*, *Journal of Banking and Finance*, *Financial Management*, *Public Utilities Fortnightly*, *Best's Review*, and other journals. He has co-authored a textbook on personal finance. His research has focused on the functioning of our financial markets, including: studies of the accuracy and usefulness of forecasts of corporate earnings, the valuation of closed-end mutual funds, the repurchase decision the process by which the market evaluates and reacts to new information, investor choice, and other issues. He has conducted feasibility studies for major projects in the U.S. and abroad. His international experience includes work in Thailand, Saudi Arabia, France, Russia, China, and the United Arab Emirates.

Dr. Richards is married to Sanrolane (Sandy) Larsen and they are the parents of five children and currently have 19 grandchildren.