

Girard Miller Biography

Girard Miller is a seasoned expert investor and corporate executive, now active as an angel investor in the Southern California venture capital marketplace. He is an active member of Tech Coast Angels. Having begun his career in the public sector, Girard has led investment and business teams over three decades years in the executive capacity of CIO, CEO and COO at three major national investment management companies. He has consulted as an investment expert with pension plans nationally. In 2019 he authored *Enlightened Public Finance* to encourage fiscal literacy in the 2020 political campaign season. Now retired, Girard writes a biweekly column on state and finance for *Governing Finance*.

Previously, Girard spent 30 years in the institutional investment industry. Following his first ten years working in local government management and finance in New Jersey and Michigan, his prior employment includes:

- Chief Investment Officer, Orange County Employees' Retirement System (\$14 billion AUM)
- Strategic consultant, PFM Group. Multiple OPEB and pension clients as outsourced CIO and investment consultant.
- Member, Governmental Accounting Standards Board
- Chief Operating Officer, Janus Capital Group, and President of Janus Mutual funds (\$170 billion)
- President and CEO of ICMA Retirement Corp and Vantagepoint mutual funds (\$30 billion)
- SVP, Government Markets at Fidelity Investments
- Director, Technical Services, Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)

Girard has been qualified previously as a Sarbanes-Oxley financial expert and as a federal court expert witness on pension finance and investments, with previous White House Secret Service clearance.

In mid-career, Girard authored professional texts in the field of public sector investing and financial management, including *Investing Public Funds* and *An Elected Officials' Guide to Government Finance*.

He is an MPA graduate of the Maxwell School of Public Affairs, Syracuse University, and a MA Economics graduate of Wayne State University with a BA degree from the University of Washington, Seattle.

Girard is a CFA charterholder and one of a dozen honorary life members of the 20,000-member GFOA.