



WILLIAM (BILL) A. BRANDT, JR.

For almost 40 years, Bill Brandt has been a fixture on the national stage in the fields of business, civic and political endeavors. A talented business strategist and political counselor, he is the President of Development Specialists, Inc., better known worldwide as DSI and widely recognized as one of the foremost firms in the corporate restructuring industry. While Mr. Brandt and his firm have been and continue to be involved in some of the most celebrated and complex restructuring and insolvency matters in the arenas of business and government reorganization, the firm also lends its expertise to other matters in the broader economic and political realms. An example was its stewardship and resolution of the infamous Ohio “Coin Fund” scandal at the request of the Attorney General of the State of Ohio.

In 2015, Mr. Brandt finished his third consecutive term as Chair of the Illinois Finance Authority, having first been appointed by the Governor in 2008 and confirmed unanimously by the Illinois Senate that same year, and then subsequently reappointed as Chair in 2010 and 2012. The IFA is one of the nation’s largest state-sponsored self-financed entities principally engaged in issuing taxable and tax-exempt bonds, making loans and investing capital for business, nonprofit organizations and local governments. Mr. Brandt, again by gubernatorial appointment, was also a member of the Illinois Broadband Deployment Council, whose mission is to ensure that advanced telecommunications services are available to all of the citizens of Illinois.

Mr. Brandt has advised Congress on matters of insolvency and bankruptcy policy, and in that capacity was the principal author of the amendment to the Bankruptcy Code permitting the election of trustees in Chapter 11 cases. He was involved in drafting several amendments to the Bankruptcy Code revisions enacted into law in April 2005 as part of the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act, which substantially rewrote the nation’s bankruptcy laws. Mr. Brandt has also just recently finished serving as a member of the Commission empaneled by the American Bankruptcy Institute to address the reform of Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code and the nation’s corporate restructuring regime.

Referred to several years ago by one media outlet as one of the ten most influential political figures in Illinois, Mr. Brandt was a member of the President’s National Finance Board during the Clinton administration, and was elected a Delegate from the State of Florida to the 1996 Democratic National Convention. During that decade as well, and upon the invitation of business and political leaders in the People’s Republic of China, Mr. Brandt worked with various public policy, law and banking leaders in China on approaches to the reorganization and restructuring of some of that nation’s state-owned

industries. In 2000, he was a member of the Democratic Party's National Convention Platform Committee, and in 2002, he served on the Illinois Gubernatorial Transition Team, as well as on the State of California's business delegation dispatched to Cuba to discuss politics, business and trade potential. In 2008, Mr. Brandt was again elected a Delegate to the Democratic National Convention, this time from the State of Illinois.

As part of his longstanding commitment to higher education and to civic endeavors, Mr. Brandt chairs the National Advisory Council for the Institute of Governmental Studies at the University of California at Berkeley. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of Loyola University Chicago from 2007 to 2016, and is a Life Trustee of Fenwick High School in Oak Park, Illinois.

Mr. Brandt served several terms as a member of the Board of Directors of the American Bankruptcy Institute, as well as also serving, for a number of years, as a member of the Advisory Board for that organization's *Law Review*. He is a member of the Board of Advisors for the ABI's annual New York City Bankruptcy Conference, having earlier served for 15 years in a similar capacity for the ABI's Bankruptcy Battleground West Seminar held each year in Los Angeles.

For almost 20 years, Mr. Brandt was a member of the private Panel of Trustees for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois, and briefly served as a member of the same panel for the Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida in the late 1980s. He was a member of the Executive Committee of the Bankruptcy Section of the Commercial Law League of America and served on their National Government Affairs Committee. Mr. Brandt also completed three terms as a member of the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Bay Area Bankruptcy Forum.

Mr. Brandt has written for publications spanning a broad spectrum of thought, ranging from *Maclean's*, Canada's Weekly Newsmagazine, to *Directors & Boards*, *Corporate Board Magazine*, the *Florida Real Estate Journal*, and the *American Bankruptcy Institute's Law Review*, published in conjunction with St. John's University School of Law. He is the co-author of the "Due Diligence" chapter in the 2nd edition of *Bankruptcy Business Acquisitions* published by the American Bankruptcy Institute. He is a frequent lecturer and speaker on topics of corporate restructuring, bankruptcy and related public policy issues and regularly appears on CNN, CNBC, CNNfn, Bloomberg, Canada's BNN, and the Arise America news network, as well as the CBS Radio and National Public Radio networks. He has been profiled and interviewed in a wide array of periodicals including, among others, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *The International Herald Tribune*, *Business Week*, *The Miami Herald*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *The Boston Globe*, *Billboard Magazine* and *Bank Bailout Litigation News*.

Among many other professional and trade organization memberships, Mr. Brandt is a member of the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees, the International Council of Shopping Centers and the Urban Land Institute. His biography appears in a number of reference works including *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in Finance and Industry*, and *Who's Who in American Law*. For well more than a dozen years, his firm, Development Specialists, Inc., has been rated as one of the Outstanding Turnaround Management Firms in the world by the publication *Turnarounds & Workouts*, and he is routinely listed on annual rosters of the country's top restructuring advisors. Mr. Brandt received his B.A. from St. Louis University and his M.A. from the University of Chicago, where he also completed further post-graduate work toward a doctoral degree.

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PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

- 1976 – Present President and Chief Executive Officer of Development Specialists, Inc.
- 1977 Commentator, business/political affairs, CBS Radio (WBBM-AM),
Chicago, Illinois
- 1975 – 1976 Melaniphy & Associates, Inc. [management/urban affairs and economic
development consulting firm], Chicago, Illinois
- 1972 – 1974 Assistant to the President, Pyro Mining Co. [coal], Chicago, Illinois

EDUCATION

- B.A. (with honors) in Sociology/Urban Affairs from St. Louis University (St. Louis, Missouri), 1971
- M.A. in Sociology, University of Chicago (Chicago, Illinois), 1972
- ABD (All-but-Dissertation) in Sociology, University of Chicago (Chicago, Illinois)
(Course work, special field exams, and language requirements completed in 1974)

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Alpha Sigma Nu, the National Jesuit Honor Fraternity
(elected to at St. Louis University, 1971)
- The La Verne Noyes Scholarship for Graduate training
(University of Chicago, 1971 through 1974)
- Woodrow Wilson Scholarship Nominee
(St. Louis University, 1971)
- Ford Foundation Research and Training Grant in Demography
(University of Chicago, Population Research Center, 1971-1972)
- Visiting Research Associate, Harvard University
(Department of Government, 1972)
- Former part-time member of the faculties of both the College of DuPage (Glen Ellyn, Illinois) and Thornton
Community College (South Holland, Illinois)
- Former Advisory Board Member, “Social Welfare, Social Planning & Social Development: An International
Database.” Sponsored by Sociological Abstracts, Inc., San Diego, California

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Bankruptcy Institute

(Member of Commission to Study the Reform of Chapter 11, Co-Commissioner of Labor and Benefits Advisory Committee, Co-Commissioner of Administrative Claims Advisory Committee; Member of Board of Advisors for ABI's annual Bankruptcy Battleground West seminar; former Member of Board of Directors)

California Receivers Forum

Central Florida Bankruptcy Law Association

Commercial Law League of America

(Former Member of the Bankruptcy Section Executive Council, the National Governmental Affairs Committee, and the NCBJ Planning Committee)

International Association of Restructuring, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Professionals (INSOL International)

International Council of Shopping Centers

International Exchange of Experience on Insolvency Law (IEEI)

International Insolvency Institute

Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum

Midwest Sociological Association

National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees

New York Institute of Credit

South Florida Bankruptcy Bar Association

San Francisco Bay Area Bankruptcy Forum

(Member of Board of Directors, 2003-2006, 2006-2009, and 2009-2012)

Urban Land Institute

OTHER MEMBERSHIPS

Board of Trustees, The Honorable Tina Brozman Foundation for Ovarian Cancer Research (Tina's Wish)

National Advisory Council, Institute of Governmental Studies, University of California, Berkeley

(Member, 2006 – present; Chair 2016 – present)

Board of Trustees, Loyola University Chicago (2007 – 2016)

Board of Directors, Future Music, Inc., San Francisco (2006-2009)

Governing Member of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's Orchestral Association

Former Governing Member of the Sustaining Fellows at the Art Institute of Chicago

Life Trustee on Board of Trustees of Fenwick High School, Oak Park, Illinois

Michigan Shores Club, Wilmette, Illinois

Professional Association of SCUBA Diving Instructors

Union League of Chicago

Life Member of Zoological Society of Florida for the Miami Metrozoo

MOTION PICTURE AND FILM APPEARANCES

2002:

February 7: New York, New York. Sutton 1 Theatre on East 57th Street. Mr. Brandt was featured in the documentary film, *What Happened*, which premiered at the New York International Independent Film and Video Festival. The film humorously depicted the rise and fall of the "dot-coms."

POLITICAL, LEGISLATIVE & CIVIC ENDEAVORS

2016:

- Chair, National Advisory Council for the University of California at Berkeley's Institute of Governmental Studies

2012:

- Chair, Illinois Finance Authority (2-year Gubernatorial re-appointment)
- Member, Illinois Broadband Deployment Council (Gubernatorial re-appointment)

2011-2012:

- National Campaign Finance Chairman for Congressional candidate (Ill. 8th Cong. Dist.) Tammy Duckworth

2010:

- Chair, Illinois Finance Authority (2-year Gubernatorial re-appointment)
- Member, Illinois Broadband Deployment Council (Gubernatorial appointment)

2009:

- National Campaign Finance Co-Chair for Congressional candidate (Ill. 5th Cong. Dist.) Mike Quigley

2008:

- Chair, Illinois Finance Authority (2-year Gubernatorial appointment)
- Member, Loyola University Board of Trustees
- Delegate from the State of Illinois to the 2008 Democratic National Convention, August 25th – 28th, Denver, Colorado

2006:

- Member, National Advisory Council for the University of California at Berkeley's Institute of Governmental Studies
- National Campaign Finance Chairman for Congressional candidate (Ill. 6th Cong. Dist.) Tammy Duckworth

2005:

- Named as Replacement Manager by the State of Ohio to administer two rare coin funds which received \$50 million in investments from the State of Ohio's Bureau of Workers' Compensation

2002:

- Member, Illinois Gubernatorial Transition Team
- Member, State of California's Business Delegation to Cuba, December 6th – 11th, promoting business, trade and friendship

2000:

- Platform Committee Member for the 2000 Democratic National Convention, August 14th – 17th, Los Angeles, California

1996:

- National Finance Board Member, Clinton/Gore 1996 Presidential Campaign
- Vice-Chair, City of Chicago's "Chicago '96" Host Committee for the 1996 Democratic National Convention
- Delegate from the State of Florida to the 1996 Democratic National Convention, August 26th – 29th, Chicago, Illinois