



## **William D. Friedman**

### **Professional Biography**

#### **Career Highlights**

William D. Friedman is president and CEO of the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority.

Mr. Friedman has broad experience in port management and related real estate development, the international supply chain and multimodal distribution.

Most recently, he worked as a management consultant for numerous ports and economic development organizations.

From 2004 to 2009, he was a consultant and then vice president of ports and logistics for Duke Realty Corporation. He was a key member of the team that negotiated inland port deals with rail carriers and public partners and won major projects including the Rickenbacker Global Logistics Park in Columbus, Ohio.

As CEO of the Ports of Indiana from 2000 to 2004, Mr. Friedman increased net income, cargo volumes and private investments, resulting in a record \$1.5 billion annual impact on Indiana's economy. He also helped win passage of legislation significantly broadening the port authority powers to allow innovative financing for economic development projects throughout the state.

Prior to that, Mr. Friedman was director of seaport strategic planning at the Port of Seattle. While there, he also served as harbor development planner and general manager of cargo piers and industrial properties.

He is a former board member of the American Association of Port Authorities.

#### **Civic Activities**

Mr. Friedman's community involvement in Indianapolis included being a member of the board of the Peace Learning Center, an educational institution promoting healthy learning, workplace and community environments. He has also been active on behalf of St. Mary's Child Center, a nonprofit education center serving young children who have fallen through the cracks of private and public social services.

He served on the Indiana lieutenant governor's economic development cabinet.

#### **Education/Personal**

Mr. Friedman earned a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in public & environmental affairs, both from Indiana University.

He and his wife, Carolyn, have two children.