

Christie is a seasoned professional with more than thirty years' experience at executive levels in both public and private companies, as well as multiple company directorships. Today, she is a director of ScentBeauty, a multi-brand fragrance and beauty company; R.D. Offutt Company, an international, family-owned multi-billion dollar agricultural conglomerate; Metro Edge Development Partners, a commercial real estate firm focused on high-impact, technology-driven developments; and Public Good, an AI driven digital platform that allows brands to sponsor social impact units. She also works directly with CEOs on strategy and innovation, including Air Carbon, a rapidly growing technology company that has patented a method of extracting methane from the atmosphere and converting it into a new material that's ocean biodegradable.

From 1988-2008, Hefner was Chairman and CEO of Playboy Enterprises, Inc. making her the longest serving female Chairman and CEO of a U.S. public company at the time. During her tenure, she oversaw policy, management and strategy in all areas of the company. When she retired more than 40% of Playboy executives were women - a first for a NYSE Company. For three years she was named to *FORTUNE's* list of "The 100 Most Powerful Women in the World."

She was a founding member of The Chicago Network, The Committee of 200, and the Chicago Chapter of Women Corporate Directors, and she was the first woman elected into the Chicago Chapter of the Young Presidents' Organization.

Elected to Phi Beta Kappa in her junior year of college, she graduated from Brandeis University summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and American literature.