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The Brownstein Corporation
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- Nationally-known Certified Turnaround Professional, including in high-profile and complex cases
- Independent board member, board and committee chair for public and private companies, as well as large nonprofits, including for companies in transition and sensitive situations (NACD Directorship Certified & Board Leadership Fellow)
- Litigation expert in areas of corporate governance, restructuring and insolvency, valuation, business and finance
- Fiduciary roles: trustee, assignee, receiver
- Frequent speaker at national and regional programs and leading business schools, author of >140 articles/textbook chapters

CURRICULUM VITAE

The Brownstein Corporation, Conshohocken, PA

President, 2010-present

- Founder of nationally-known turnaround management and advisory firm, providing services to businesses and stakeholders
- Provider of M&A services to healthy and distressed businesses, including sales and refinancing
- Fiduciary services such as Plan Administrator, Ch. 11 Trustee, Examiner, Liquidating Trustee, Receiver and Assignee
- Litigation support and expert testimony
- Independent Board Member, Board Chair, Audit Committee chair, and Qualified Financial Expert (Sarbanes-Oxley)

Community Council Health Systems, Philadelphia, PA

Board Chair, Financial Advisor, November 2023-Present

- Replaced board at large nonprofit providing behavioral health and special education, as required by PA Attorney General
- Supporting management through transition regarding legal, regulatory compliance and other issues

Universal Services Associates, Inc., Folcroft, PA

Interim CEO & Board Chair, January–November 2023

- Interim CEO and Board Chair of leading designer and manufacturer of exhibits for museums worldwide
- Position required due to agreement with NASA required by previous compliance issues

NachmanHaysBrownstein, Inc., Narberth, PA

Principal & Various Officer Roles, including President, 1999-2009

- Nationally-known corporate renewal professional serving middle market companies, lenders and creditors
- Principal in leading turnaround and crisis management firm, listed among “Outstanding Turnaround Firms” in *Turnarounds & Workouts* for fourteen consecutive years
- Responsible for firm’s strategic development, marketing of professional services, and transactional practice
- Chief Restructuring Officer in *U.S. Mortgage*, involving a \$138 million fraud against Fannie Mae and credit unions
- Plan Administrator in *Montgomery Ward*, the largest retail liquidation in U.S. history
- Helped increase firm revenue four-fold, and establish offices in Dallas, Wilmington, NYC, Los Angeles and Boston

Executive Sounding Board Associates, Inc., Philadelphia, PA

Managing Director and Shareholder, 1995-1999

- Responsible for business development and marketing
- Led client engagements for middle market companies

Phoenix Management Services, Inc., Chadds Ford, PA

Executive Vice President, Phoenix Management Services, Inc. 1991-1992, 1994-1995

President, Phoenix Capital Resources, Inc.

- Responsible for leading business development and marketing
- Led client engagements for middle market companies

Enprotech Corporation, subsidiary of ITOCHU Corporation (formerly C. Itoh), New York

Managing Director, 1992-1994

- Managing Director of holding company for nontrading businesses (assets > \$1Bil) in world’s largest trading company
- Interim CEO of Stone Group, manufacturer of HVAC systems for intercity rail and municipal transit networks
- Board member and interim officer of holding company subsidiaries

Concord West, subsidiary of Concord Steel Corporation, and predecessor companies, Haverford, PA**President, 1977-1991**

- CEO and owner of privately-held steel distribution and trading firm (sales \$20 million approx.), with offices and operations in Philadelphia, Buffalo, Houston, Pittsburgh and Birmingham
- Company founded as Peregrine Metals Group from assets purchased in 1986 from family-owned Delaware Steel Company, then sold to Concord Steel Corp. in 1989
- Focused on distribution and fabrication of secondary quality and excess steel inventories, sourced from steel mills throughout the U.S. and abroad
- Steel Trade Advisor to U.S. Trade Rep, including UN-sponsored tours to steel facilities in Japan, Russia, Brazil and Benelux

Boston Consulting Group, Boston, MA**Consultant, 1975-77**

- Corporate strategy specialist in leading international consulting firm, case engagements in U.S. and Mexico
- Clients included: Gulf Oil, Great Northern Nekoosa, Harley Davidson, Grupo Industrial Alfa and Coke/NY

CORPORATE BOARD ACTIVITIES**Shamokin Carbons, Shamokin, PA, May 2025 – Present**

- Privately-owned international supplier of carbon and graphite products.

Paragon Technologies, Inc., (OTCMkts: PGNT) Easton, PA, December 2024 – August 2025**Board Member, Audit Committee Chair**

- Publicly-held holding company

Community Council Health Systems, Philadelphia, PA, November 2023 – Present**Board Chair, Member & Financial Advisor**

- Large nonprofit provider of behavioral health and special education services

Universal Service Associates, Folcroft, PA, January – November 2023**Interim CEO & Board Chair**

- Privately-owned leading designer and manufacturer of exhibits for museums worldwide

Renew Financial Group, LLC, Oakland, CA, 2019 – 2020**Board Member, Risk Committee (Chair), Operating Committee (Chair), Audit Committee**

- Privately-owned leading national provider of Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing

P&F Industries (NasdaqGM: PFIN), Melville, NY, 2010 – 2023**Board Member, Nominating & Governance Committee (Chair), Strategic Planning & Risk Assessment Committee (Chair), Audit Committee**

- Publicly-held manufacturer and importer of air-powered tools and various residential hardware sold principally to the industrial, retail and automotive markets, and various residential hardware such as kitchen and bath hardware, fencing hardware and door and window hardware sold primarily to the housing industry.

Merakey (formerly NHS Human Services), Lafayette Hill, PA, 2016 – present**Board Member, Audit, Finance and Governance Committees, various subsidiary boards**

- Leading nonprofit provider of education and human services to individuals with special needs, with more than 10,000 employees providing care to over 40,000 adults and children in twelve states and with an annual budget over \$1Bil.

National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD), Philadelphia Chapter

- Board Chair, 2018 – 2019, President, 2016 – 2019, Board Member, 2015 - 2021

A.M. Castle & Co., (OTCQB: CASL), Oak Brook, IL, 2016 – 2017**Board Member, Audit Committee, Human Resources Committee**

- Publicly-held multinational metals distributor and supply chain solutions provider

PICO Holdings, Inc. (Nasdaq: PICO), La Jolla, CA, 2016 – 2017**Board Member, Audit Committee (Chair & Qualified Financial Expert – S-OX)**

- Publicly-held diversified holding company, including water resources and storage, and real estate development.

LMG2, successor to Chicago Loop Parking, Chicago, IL, 2014 - 2015

- Owner and operator of infrastructure facility in downtown Chicago, on behalf of former lender group led by Société Générale which succeeded to ownership following \$700 million restructuring.

Betsey Johnson LLC, New York, NY, 2010**Sole Board Member**

- Well-known privately-held designer and retailer of women's apparel, sold through 70 stores and outlets as well as wholesale,
- Equity sponsor Castanea Partners was major investor.

National Philanthropic Trust, Jenkintown, PA, 2007 - 2010**Chair (2009-2010), Board of Trustees**

- Largest independent provider of donor advised funds in the United States, recognized leader in the field of philanthropy, over \$700 million then under management
- Among the fastest-growing charities in the United States, and among the 35 largest grant-making institutions nationally

Magnatrx Corporation, Atlanta, GA, 2003 - 2006**Board Member and Audit Committee**

- Leading manufacturer (sales \$500 million approx.) of pre-engineered steel buildings, with operations throughout the United States, and affiliates abroad
- Privately-held company emerged from Ch.11 in 2003 with prepetition lenders owning the equity
- CEO Search Committee prior to emergence from bankruptcy
- Board and management rebuilt enterprise value, company acquired in 2007 by Nucor Corporation (NYSE: NUE) at substantial gain for shareholders

Special Metals Corporation, Huntingdon, WV, 2003 - 2006**Board Member and Audit Committee Chair**

- One of world's few producers (sales \$1 billion approx.) of nickel alloys, with operations in the U.S., U.K. and Asia
- Privately-held company emerged from Ch.11 in 2003 with prepetition lenders owning the equity
- Board and management rebuilt enterprise value, company acquired in 2006 by Precision Castparts Corp. (NYSE: PCP) at substantial gain for shareholders
- Adopted Sarbanes-Oxley requirements voluntarily, "financial expert" for Sarbanes-Oxley purposes in event of IPO

Royal Bank of PA (now Bryn Mawr Trust), Narberth, PA, 1981 – 1986**Board Member and Executive Committee**

- Regional bank with five branches, assets now over \$1.3 billion

Harvard Cooperative Society, Cambridge, MA, 1972 – 1975**Board Member and Audit Committee**

- Retail department store and college bookstore with five branches, sales \$30 million approx.

EDUCATION**Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, 1971 - 1975**

- Juris Doctor & Masters in Business Administration (combined four-year JD/MBA program)

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, 1968 - 1971

- Bachelor of Science in Economics (Wharton) and Bachelor of Arts, both *cum laude*
 - Fulfilled majors in Finance, Statistics and History
 - Graduated in three years

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**National Association of Corporate Directors**

- Directorship Certified & Board Leadership Fellow
- Former President & Chair - Philadelphia Chapter
- Faculty member for national programs
- National Liaison to American Bar Association

American Bar Association

- Former Vice Chair and Program Co-Chair, Corporate Governance Committee, Business Law Section
- ABA Liaison to National Association of Corporate Directors

Turnaround Management Association

- International Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Audit Committee chair – multiple terms
- Certified Turnaround Professional
- Association of Certified Turnaround Professionals (subsequently merged into TMA) – VP-Int'l, Board of Directors

American Bankruptcy Institute

- Board of Directors – multiple terms
- Chair, Turnaround Lending Program
- Co-Chair: Mid Atlantic Bankruptcy Workshop, Complex Financial Restructuring Program

Secured Finance Network (formerly Commercial Finance Association)

- Governing Board, Education Foundation
- Course Leader, New Programs Subcommittee Chair

Association for Corporate Growth**SALES & REFINANCINGS (Partial List)**

- Philadelphia Home Care Agency – sale of home healthcare company
- AmeriBest Home Health Care – sale of home healthcare company
- Lake County Press – refinancing of high-end printing company
- NJ Motorsports Park – sale of motor raceway
- Exotic car dealer – refinancing of major exotic automobile dealer
- U.S. Mortgage – sale of mortgage loan servicing rights
- Markson Rosenthal – sale of manufacturer of in-store marketing displays
- Exaeris – sale of intellectual property of healthcare company
- Craftsman Press – refinancing of printing company
- Montgomery Ward – sale of intellectual property, as part of managing the largest retail liquidation in history
- Sparton Corp. – refinancing of manufacturer of defense and healthcare products
- Athey Equipment – sale of street-cleaning equipment manufacturer

CREDENTIALS

- National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD) Directorship Certified and Board Leadership Fellow
- Certified Turnaround Professional, Turnaround Management Association
- Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, which recognizes only one percent of lawyers admitted to practice in any state.
- Admitted in Pennsylvania, Florida and Massachusetts (CLE's active in PA only, have never actively practiced law)

TESTIMONY & EXPERT WITNESS ENGAGEMENTS

- *Bruce G. O'Brien and Daedalus Biotech Advisors v. Clark Hill, PLC, et al.*
- *Eddystone Rail Company, LLC v. Bridger Logistics, LLC, et al.,*
- *UMB BANK, N.A. v. Kobi Electric, LLC, et al.*
- *In re United Tax Group, LLC*
- *In re DSI Renal Holdings, LLC; Giuliano v. Schnabel, et al.*
- *Loughlin v. Meghji*
- *Triumph Bancshares, Inc., et al. v. Triumph Bancorp, Inc., et al.*
- *SDI, Inc., et al. v. Platinum Equity, LLC, et al.*
- *NewStarcom*
- *Girard College*
- *Eubanks Enterprises*
- *U.S. Mortgage*
- *Tower Automotive*
- *IMC, Inc.*
- *Markson Rosenthal*
- *American Business Financial Services*
- *Merry-Go-Round Enterprises*
- *Exaeris, Inc.*
- *Quad Systems, Inc.*
- *Louis Frey Co.*
- *Athey Products Corp.*
- *American Candy Co.*
- *U.S. Glove Corp.*
- *CALPERS et al. v. Arthur Andersen*
- *I. Appel*
- *Jonathan Gottlieb M.D. at al. v. Amadeus Goldings, Inc. et al.*

PUBLICATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS (partial list)

- Author of over 140 articles and textbooks chapters, including in *NACD Directorship*, *Directors and Boards*, *ABI Journal*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, *The Journal of Corporate Renewal*, *abfJournal*, *The Secured Lender* and others
- Chair, *abfJournal* Editorial Advisory Board
- Editor of *Problems in the Code*, eBook published 2013, 2nd Edition 2024 by the American Bankruptcy Institute
- Author of “Corporate Culture and Governance”, in Katayun I. Jaffari & Stephen A. Pike (eds.), *ESG in the Boardroom: A Guidebook for Directors*, American Bar Association, 2022
- Author of “Turnaround Management: The Past as Prologue”, in Harlan D. & Marjorie B. Platt (eds.), *A Casebook on Corporate Renewal*, University of Michigan Press, 2004
- Author of “Forty Years of Corporate Governance”, *Directors & Boards*, Fourth Quarter 2016 (40th Anniversary Issue)
- Coordinating Editor of *ABI Journal*, founding editor of column *Problems in the Code*
- Chair, Editorial Advisory Board, *abfJournal*
- Regular guest lecturer at Harvard Business School, Wharton School, NYU Stern School of Business, Northeastern University School of Business, Villanova Business and Law Schools, and other leading universities
- Frequent speaker at national programs of National Association of Corporate Directors, American Bar Association, Turnaround Management Association, American Bankruptcy Institute, Commercial Finance Association, Association for Corporate Growth and other organizations`

AWARDS & HONORS

- Listed among “Revitalizers” in *abfJournal* Power Players issue, October 2025
- Listed among “Industry Icons” in *abfJournal*, 3rd Quarter, 2022
- Fellow, American Bar Foundation, 2019 - present, limited to less than one percent of attorneys in any state
- Recipient of 2007 Turnaround Management Association “Outstanding Individual Contribution” award
- Listed among “People to Watch in 2007” in *Turnarounds & Workouts*
- Beta Gamma Sigma National Honor Society “Excellence in Management” Award, Villanova University, 1991

COMMUNITY & PERSONAL

- Former President/Chair, JEVS Human Services (a United Way agency), and Boards of other community organizations
- The Union League of Philadelphia
- U.S. Air Force Reserve Officer, Medical Service Corps, 1971-78
- Reasonably fluent in Spanish, some French and Japanese
- Married, three children, six grandchildren