

Sanford Criner Short Bio

Sanford began his real estate career in the early 1970's as the first person to invest in large scale redevelopment in the Heights and Washington Avenue. Included in these projects was the renovation of the historic Heights State Bank Building into the much-loved Rockefeller's night club. He later became a partner in Trione & Gordon, LLP, which he and his partners sold in 2003 to CB Richard Ellis, the world's largest commercial real estate services corporation. He has directed projects as diverse as the development of DHL's national headquarters in San Francisco, and the disposition of 500 properties in 41 countries for Halliburton. He is currently Executive Vice President of CB Richard Ellis.

For the last 13 years, Sanford has served on the Board of the Hermann Park Conservancy, and is a former Chairman of that organization. He is a current or former board member of many non-profit organizations, including:

- Scenic Houston and Scenic Texas – Founding President
- Alley Theater
- Blaffer Gallery
- ArtBridge
- FreshArts
- Rice Design Alliance
- New Hope Housing

Sanford has been honored with the following awards:

- Houston Assistance League Mary Jo Peckham Award for public service
- Houston Legacy Award for the relocation of CITGO's national headquarters
- Texas Society of Architects Honor Award for Historical Redevelopment

Sanford has been married for 38 years to Susie Criner. They have two daughters, Kate Criner Bellin and Annie Criner. Sanford is a native Houstonian and an alumnus of Rice University.