W. CLAY GRUBB

CEO & Chairman

Founded in 1963, Grubb Properties is a private equity real estate fund manager with a fully integrated subsidiary specializing in multi-family residential housing and commercial office properties. Clay started working at the company at age 12, specializing in residential mortgage collection, and has seen the impacts of the past seven recessions and how important long-term perspective is to successful investment strategies.

Since 2002, when Clay became the CEO of Grubb Properties, the company has grown significantly and been a top quartile producer of returns for its real estate investment funds. The company has received numerous sustainability designations and recognitions. It maintains corporate offices in Atlanta, Charlotte, Cary, and Winston-Salem

More than \$2 billion in acquisitions and development under Clay's leadership



Author of "Creating the Urban Dream," published in 2020 by Forbes Books

2019 Impact Award Vistage Worldwide Inc. – Charlotte Region

Class of 2018 Aspen Institute Finance Leaders Fellowship

The Lex Marsh Award
Greater Charlotte Apartment Association

Young Bishop Award
Virginia Episcopal School

Professional Highlights

Clay Grubb leads the long-term, strategic vision for Grubb Properties and plans an active role in all investment decisions. Under his leadership, Grubb Properties successfully transformed from a family-owned business to an employee- and board-owned company. The company has been profiled in numerous publications, including *The Wall Street Journal*'s Deal of the Week and the cover of *Business North Carolina*.

Clay received his Juris Doctorate in law from The University of North Carolina School of Law and his Bachelor of Science in Management from the A. B. Freeman School of Business at Tulane University, with a concentration in finance and a second major in economics.

Professional and Civic Organizations

- Chair of the Grubb Real Estate Preservation Foundation
- Board of Directors for Aymira
- Advisory Board Member of Charlotte's Knight Foundation
- Board of Advisors for the Division of Academic and Student Affairs at North Carolina State University
- Past Chair of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte's Childress Klein Center for Real Estate
- Past Member of Board of Trustees for the Children's Defense Fund, where he served as Chair of the National Freedom School Advisory Committee
- Past Chair of Freedom School Partners
- Past President of the Greater Charlotte Apartment Association
- Past Chair of the Board for the Mint Museum of Craft + Design
- Past Member of the Mint Museum Board of Trustees
- Past Member of the Kenan-Flagler School of Business' Real Estate Advisory Board
- Past Member of North Carolina's Environmental Defense Fund Board
- Past Member of Queens University's Presidential Advisory Board
- Past Member of the Executive Committee for Queens University's Learning Society
- Past Member of the Board of Trustees for the Charlotte Ballet
- Founding Vice Chair of the Young Presidents Organization's People Action Network and Past Vice Chair of its Helping Disadvantaged Kids Network
- Past N.C. Forum Chair for Young Presidents Organization