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George W. Strake, III has dedicated his career to serving both the Houston business community and the organizations that enrich the lives of its residents. A respected civic leader, philanthropist, and volunteer, George has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to education, healthcare, public service, historic preservation, and youth development throughout the Greater Houston area.

George currently serves on the boards of the Strake Foundation and Albert & Ethel Herzstein Foundation, Bridges to Life, and recently Memorial Hermann Healthcare System, helping advance initiatives that promote community well-being, civic engagement, and access to quality healthcare. He is the Past Chairman of the Houston Museum of Natural Science Board of Trustees, where he played a key leadership role in supporting one of the nation's premier educational and cultural institutions. He served as Chairman of Covenant House Texas for three years and has been involved in and supportive of TPPF for the better part of two decades.

A passionate advocate for preserving Texas history, George served as Chairman of the San Jacinto Historical Advisory Board and the Battleship Texas Board, helping protect and promote some of the state's most treasured landmarks. His commitment to public service also includes serving as a Memorial Villages Police Commissioner, reflecting his dedication to local governance and community safety. In addition, his service on the Spring Spirit Baseball and Bridges to Life boards has helped create opportunities for youth development and community involvement through athletics and prison rehabilitation, respectively.

Professionally, George is Vice Chairman of Tenant Representation at Stream Realty Partners and has spent more than four decades advising corporate clients on complex real estate decisions. While his business accomplishments have earned industry-wide recognition, including NAIOP's Broker of the Year and Deal of the Year honors, it is his enduring commitment to serving others that truly distinguishes him.

A graduate of Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance, George exemplifies leadership, integrity, and stewardship. His lasting contributions to Houston's charitable, educational, healthcare, and civic organizations have made a meaningful impact across the region.

His greatest accomplishment is his marriage to his wife, Dana, of 38 years and his family: Christine & Logan, George W. Strake, IV & Allison, and Brett & Sarika and his 7 grandkids.