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In addition to his responsibilities for the Hixon family, Frank currently serves a director of 5 companies and is recognized speaker and author on family business and generational succession. Recently, he founded and endowed the development of the Master of Science in Family Enterprise (MSFE) program at the Pepperdine Graziadio Business School which will offer the first accredited master's degree program for the development and training of next generation members of family enterprises. He is also a Trustee and former Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Cancer Foundation of Santa Barbara where he led the campaign to build the Ridley Tree Cancer Center. Frank received his MBA from The Harvard Business School and a BA cum laude from Harvard University. He has taught classes in entrepreneurship and family business at Stanford GSB, Pepperdine Graziadio, UCSB, Cal Poly, and Portland State University.