



Biography

David B. Wescoe **Chief Executive Officer**

David B. Wescoe became SDCERA's Chief Executive Officer in September 2015, after being appointed Interim CEO in April 2015. Prior to joining SDCERA, Wescoe held many senior positions with public and private organizations and has an extensive background in law, finance and investment management.

Wescoe began his career as a corporate finance lawyer with Simpson Thacher & Bartlett in New York City and then served as Counsel to Commissioners Bevis Longstreth and James C. Treadway, Jr. of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington. After a stint as a partner in private law practice specializing in corporate and securities law, he served as Chief Financial Officer and General Counsel for NYSE-listed companies and as President and CEO of Northwestern Mutual Investment Services, the broker-dealer subsidiary of Northwestern Mutual and one of the largest independent broker-dealers in the United States.

After moving to San Diego, Wescoe served as CEO of the San Diego City Employees' Retirement System (SDCERS). While in this role, Wescoe received the "Most Admired Government Agency CEO Award" from the *San Diego Business Journal* and the San Diego City Council declared March 9, 2010 "David B. Wescoe Day" in San Diego "in appreciation of [Mr. Wescoe's] willingness and tremendous efforts to restore the San Diego City Employees' Retirement System's operational integrity and credibility."

Following his service at SDCERS, Wescoe became the chief executive of the Motion Picture Industry Pension and Health Plans in Studio City, California. In this position, Wescoe was responsible for more than \$6 billion in investment assets, 260 employees and over 120,000 participants in the motion picture industry.

Prior to his current role at SDCERA, Wescoe was President of Efficient Market Advisors, LLC, a San Diego-based independent investment advisory firm.

Wescoe is a frequent speaker on financial and pension topics, and he has been interviewed by *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *National Public Radio* and *Governing magazine*. He also testified before California's Commission on Public Employee Post-Employment Benefits.

Devoting much of his personal time to philanthropic causes and numerous non-profit educational and arts organizations, Wescoe has served as the Board Chair of the University of Kansas Alumni Association, a Trustee of Trinity School in New York City and the Milwaukee Art Museum, and a Director of La Jolla Music Society.

A native Kansan, Wescoe holds a B.A. from University of Kansas and a J.D. from Columbia Law School.