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## **Doris Duke Charitable Foundation Names William H. Wright II as New Chair of the Board of Trustees**

**New York, October 29, 2019** – The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation today announced the election of William H. Wright II as the foundation’s new Chair of the Board of Trustees. With an endowment of approximately \$1.8 billion, the foundation supports the performing arts, environmental conservation, medical research and child well-being. Wright will also serve as Chair of the Duke Farms Foundation, which operates a 2,700-acre center for environmental stewardship in New Jersey, and the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art, which operates the Shangri La Museum of Islamic Art, Culture and Design in Hawaii.



*Above: William H. Wright II*

Wright retired as a Managing Director of Morgan Stanley in 2010 after having joined the firm in 1982. During his career in investment banking at Morgan Stanley, he was Head of Corporate Finance Execution, where he was responsible for leading and coordinating teams in the execution of complex equity offerings for multinational corporations, and served for two years as Worldwide Director of the firm’s Financial Analyst Program. He was also a trustee of the Morgan Stanley Foundation.

Wright has been consulted on securities regulation reform by the Securities and Exchange Commission Division of Corporation Finance and the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Financial Services. He has served on the faculties of the Ray Garrett Institute of the Northwestern University School of Law and the Practising Law Institute.

In New York, where he resides, Wright served as Senior Warden of St. Thomas Church Fifth Avenue and also as Vestryman of Trinity Church Wall Street. In 2012, the Bishop of New York appointed him as a Trustee of the Diocese where he was the first chairman of the Finance Committee. He is also a member of the board of Mount Sinai Health System, Inc. and its nine member institutions. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the New York City Ballet, where he serves as co-chairman of the New Combinations Fund. He is also Treasurer and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Historic Hudson Valley. Wright became the Board Chairman of the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation in October 2010.

“I am honored to work with the trustees and staff to continue the legacy and directives left by Doris Duke,” said Wright. “It will be my great pleasure to lead thoughtful conversations with staff and the board about how the grant programs and properties can best pursue strategies that improve and enhance people’s lives.”

“We are thrilled that Bill has accepted this leadership role,” said Ed Henry, President of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation. “Bill’s experience, knowledge of the foundation, and irrepressible energy and goodwill will help guide us through the challenges and opportunities of the foundation’s work.”

**About the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation**

The mission of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation (DDCF) is to improve the quality of people's lives through grants supporting the performing arts, environmental conservation, medical research and child well-being, and through preservation of the cultural and environmental legacy of Doris Duke's properties. For more information, please visit [www.ddcf.org](http://www.ddcf.org).