Charles M. Peters

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A lawyer by training, graduating from the University of Iowa College of Law in 1980, Peters spent a decade in the appliance business, five years as president of Amana Refrigeration and until 1998 as vice president, Administration of Maytag. Between appliance assignments, he was the CEO of Breakthrough, an Iowa City start-up software and consulting company engaged in developing effective early literacy programs for school systems.

Peters is one of the founding directors of Cedar Rapids Bank and Trust, is a trustee at Coe College, is a director of Swift Communications Inc., and is active in many civic and charitable organizations, including the United Way, the Hall-Perrine Foundation, and Junior Achievement.

He and his wife Mary Ann live in New Bo in Cedar Rapids and have created an acreage retreat west of Iowa City through the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation (www.solstead.com). Their three sons—Nate, Scott, and Nick—live outside the area.

In addition to his J.D. degree, he also received his B.S. degree from the university in 1974.