

Management

Officers

Chairman of the Board: James Krupka Mr. Krupka served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Chateau Chantal from 2004-2014. He is retired as Director of International Competition for BP in London in 2003. His prior position with Amoco was Director of Strategic Planning in Chicago. In the early 1980s Mr. Krupka was based in Traverse City and served as Executive Director for domestic Amoco wells in the Midwest. His community involvement was reflected in successfully leading the United Way Fund Campaign for the area. His main task will be to bring professional management and business experience to the company. Mr. Krupka has a strong vested interest in both his own vineyard and the future growth of Chateau Chantal. Mr. Krupka also serves as Deacon at St. Joseph's Catholic Parish on Old Mission Peninsula.

Marie-Chantal Begin-Dalese Marie-Chantal Dalese serves as the company's President & CEO. She is a marketing and management specialist with a unique graduate education in the wine business. She is the daughter of the founder and namesake for the Chateau growing up on the Chateau estate. She formerly served as Director of Marketing with Chateau Chantal and Secretary for the company. She previously worked with Connoisseur Wines, Inc as an Office Manager/Sales Representative/Marketing Assistant. Prior to that, she worked with Binny's Beverage Depot in Chicago as a Wine Consultant and Chateau Chantal in various functions. Marie-Chantal has a Bachelor of Science in Marketing & Management from DePaul University, Chicago and a Graduate diploma in Wine Marketing from the University of Adelaide, Adelaide, SA Australia. She also completed the Roseworthy Wine Tasting Program in Adelaide and first level Court of Master Sommeliers.

Robert Blackmer Mr. Blackmer serves as the company treasurer. He is a retired banker with JP Morgan Chase and graduated from Michigan State University. Bob now spends his time serving his family and our community through various volunteer work including building homes for Habitat for Humanity.

Stephanie Coggon Stephanie Coggon serves as the company Secretary. She and her family have lived on her cherry orchard and vineyard on the Old Mission Peninsula since 1997. Her family is one of the two largest shareholders in Chateau Chantal. Professionally she has worked in healthcare for over twenty years most recently at the Grand Traverse Pavilions as an assessment Registered Nurse for the Dementia Care Unit. Stephanie has a Master of Science in Nursing Administration from the University of Wisconsin and Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of North Dakota. Stephanie is a board member of the Father Fred Foundation and Volunteer for Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools.

Directors

The By-Laws of the company allow five to nine directors with more upon approval of a simple majority. The Company's other current directors are:

Chairman Emeritus: Robert P. Begin Mr. Begin is the Company's founder and former Chairman of the Board. Previously, Mr. Begin held the position of President and CEO. Mr. Begin resides in the manager's residence in the Chateau. Mr. Begin did post graduate studies in low income housing under a one-year Ford Foundation Grant, in the late 1960s. Further, Mr. Begin studied with the Smaller Company Management Program at the Baker School of Business, Harvard University, during the early 1970s. He served as associate and pastor within the Archdiocese of Detroit from 1960 to 1972. From 1972 to 1983, Mr. Begin served as the CEO of Matvest, Inc., a construction management company with operations in nine major cities at the time of his resignation.

David Pontes David K. Pontes is a partner with Addis, Pontes & Antovski PLLC., specializing in automobile negligence, complex litigation, criminal law, driver license restoration, family law, municipal law, personal injury and premises liability. Mr. Pontes obtained his Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Vermont in 1999 and his Juris Doctor in 2006 from Wayne State University Law School. Mr. Pontes is licensed to practice before all Michigan State Courts, and the Eastern and Western Districts of the United States District Courts of Michigan. Mr. Pontes is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, SBM Criminal Law Section, SBM Litigation Section and LABAS. He was awarded the Rising Star distinction in General Litigation in 2011-2012, and 2014-2017 from the publication Michigan Super Lawyers. Mr. Pontes also volunteers with Racquet Up Detroit, a coaching and mentoring program for children.

J. Edson Pontes, MD, Vice President International Medicine, Assistant Dean International Affairs, Wayne State University, Professor of Urology Oncology and internationally recognized surgeon, has followed Chateau Chantal operations from the beginning, is a new vineyard owner with a strong 'at risk' interest in both Peninsula real estate and the winery's success.

Joseph Sarafa Mr. Sarafa, a Detroit native, has been a resident of Leelanau County since 2002 and is a partner in Moorhart & Sarafa, PLC. Joe is currently a Eucharistic Minister at St. Francis Catholic church and is also president of the Master Gardner Association of Northwest Michigan (MGANM). Joe has worked with a number of charitable organizations throughout the state including Thumbs Down Coalition, Feed the Hungry, and the Harmony Project. He graduated Cum Laude from the University of Michigan and went on to earn his law degree from the University of Detroit. When Joe is not busy working, his greatest pleasure is spending time with his wife Kelley and their two children Joseph and Aly.