

Andrew D. Keyt



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Short Description

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About

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At the age of 22, Andrew became a family business owner of a business he didn't even know existed. "I had to quickly figure out how to fill the shoes of my father and find my own leadership path." His personal story and witnessing the growth and transformation of many successful family business leaders inspired him to write ***Myths and Mortals: Family Business Leadership and Succession Planning***, published by Wiley April 2015. **His book is based on years of research and interviews with great second generation leaders like Christine Hefner, Bill Wrigley, Massimo Ferragamo and more.** His acute family business insights have been featured in *The Wall Street Journal*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Fortune Magazine*, *The Economist* and *Family*

Business.

Keyt is the **Executive Director at the Loyola University Chicago Family Business Center** dedicated to helping multigenerational family-owned businesses grow, transition and learn. The Center serves some of the largest family firms in the United States and Canada, approximately 85 member family businesses ranging in size from \$25 million - \$8 billion in annual sales. **During Keyt's tenure, the Center has increased its membership by more than 45% and has secured more than \$1 million in pledges to fund future operations.**

Keyt is also President and Founder of Keyt Consulting, a private firm that assists family enterprises with succession and strategic planning, dealing with family conflict and communication, working with adult sibling / cousin teams, and executing emergency management transitions. In addition, Keyt is the president of Family Business Network – North America (FBN-NA), the leading network for business-owning families worldwide. Currently FBN International serves over 6000 members in 40+ countries.

Keyt is an acclaimed keynote speaker on family business topics at conferences all around the world including Campden Publishing Families Business Conferences, Family Business Network in Lasaunne, Switzerland and Bogota, Columbia, United States Association of Small Business & Entrepreneurship, FBE Conference, Independent Grocers Association, Cornell University, Crain's Chicago Small Business Forum, Presidents Forum Retreat, ABA National Trust School, Shoe Retailers Association, The Northern Trust Corporation, World President's Organization(WPO), Harris Bank, and Capital Bank & Trust.

Keyt holds a master's degree in family systems theory from Northwestern University with a concentration in family business and an MBA in Family Business with Honors from Kennesaw State University. He is a cum laude graduate of Kenyon College.