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Carol L. Mackoff is a senior financial executive with 41 years of experience in the international finance community. Beginning her career in financial derivatives in 1978, she progressed in a non-traditional marketplace to become the first woman president of a U.S. futures clearing firm, heading NatWest Futures, Inc., a subsidiary of National Westminster Bank.

During this time, Carol represented the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and National Westminster Bank to the media in both English and French on issues relating to foreign exchange and interest rate fundamentals, appearing on CNN and CBC Canada as a commentator and panelist. She has lectured on futures and options at Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of Management and on career management to MBA candidates at Arizona State University.

In addition to her corporate responsibilities, Carol was designated as team leader of the industry PAC and served as an advisor to the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, the Chicago Board of Trade and the London International Financial Futures Exchange on issues that relate to foreign exchange and interest rate futures and options. She served on committees responsible for compliance with industry rules and regulations, arbitration, credit and margin policy.

Carol received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan, her Master of Arts in Teaching from Northwestern University and her MBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of Management. She holds the following FINRA licenses: A General Securities Representative (Series 7), a General Securities Principal (Series 24), a Municipal Advisor Representative (Series 50) and a Uniform Securities Agent State Law (Series 63). She is fluent in French and conversational in Italian, German, Russian and Japanese. In 1964, she was a recipient of a Fulbright/French government bi-national grant.

In the 1970s, Carol instituted a French language program in Ogden School, which she taught on a volunteer basis for several years. Her program won first place in a Chicago Public School contest sponsored by the French Consulate and, as a result, she was named Volunteer of the Year by the Chicago Board of Education. Her interest in educational programs continued as she worked with the Mayor and Mrs. Richard M. Daley to sponsor the Gallery 37 art program for disadvantaged children in the Chicago area.

Carol has been invited by Mayor Daley to become Principal for a Day at the LaSalle Language Academy and the Ariel Community Academy. She continues to work with the Ariel Educational Initiative on foreign language education and on teaching alternative dispute resolution techniques to elementary school children. The Ariel Community Academy has incorporated Carol's master thesis on the teaching of foreign language and cross-cultural experiences into its curriculum for grades K-4. In addition, Carol works with the homeless youth who are clients of the Night Ministry.

In January 2001, Carol was named to the Community Board of the Haymarket Center, an institution focused on the rehabilitation of people with chemical dependency; she was chairman of this board from 2004-2008. In 2010, Carol was named to the Treasurer's Advisory Board for the College of DuPage.

Carol is married to Judge Benjamin S. Mackoff. The couple has three sons.

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