

# **Mr. Don M. Blandin**

**President and CEO at Investor Protection Trust**

Washington, DC, US

Don M. Blandin was appointed President and CEO of the Investor Protection Trust in June 2004

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## **Biography**

Don Blandin is president and CEO of the Investor Protection Trust (IPT), a non-profit organization devoted to investor education, and the Investor Protection Institute (IPI), a non-profit organization that advances investor protection by conducting and supporting unbiased research and groundbreaking education programs. Mr. Blandin works frequently with State Securities Regulators on programs to help Americans of all ages become wise and safe investors. He has worked in and with a wide variety of sectors, including business and industry; nonprofit; academia and philanthropic foundations; and federal, state and local government, both in the U.S. and globally. He has been building educational coalitions and partnerships for more than four decades. Recent

Mr. Blandin has been working to educate and protect investors through such programs as the Elder Investment Fraud and Financial Exploitation Prevention Program (EIFFE Prevention Program), the When I'm 65 public television documentary and multi-year engagement program, The Basics of Saving and Investing: Investor Education 2020 educators teaching guide; the multi-State DASH for the STASH investor education and protection program and contest; the Financial Field Manual for Military Families; the national Investor Education in Your Community® program; the national MoneyTrack public television series; and The Campaign for Wise and Safe Investing® in partnership with the AARP Foundation.

Recent awards bestowed on him include the BBB International Torch Award for Consumer Leadership from the Council of Better Business Bureaus and the Heart of Financial Planning Award from the Financial Planning Association. Mr. Blandin was appointed a delegate to both the 1998 and 2002 White House/Congressional National Summits on Retirement Savings, hosted by the President and Congressional leaders. He is a founding member and the first national director of Pi Alpha Alpha, the national honorary society for public administration.

Mr. Blandin holds a Bachelor of Arts in political science from California State University, East Bay, and a Master of Public Administration degree from The American University in Washington, DC.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Capital Markets, Education/Learning, Investment Banking, Investment Management, Business Services, Financial Services

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Pensions, Retirement, Public Policy, Coalitions, Elder Fraud and Financial Exploitation, Investor Education, Investor Protection

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## **Affiliations**

American Savings Education Council (ASEC), CARE (Credit Abuse Resistance Education), White House/Congressional National Summits on Retirement Savings, Pi Alpha Alpha, Alliance for Investor Education, JumpStart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy

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## **Education**

### **American University**

M.P.A. Public Administration

### **California State University-East Bay**

B.A. Political Science

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## **Accomplishments**

### **International Torch Award**

BBB International Torch Award for Consumer Leadership from the Council of Better Business Bureaus

### **Heart of Financial Planning Award**

Heart of Financial Planning Award from the Financial Planning Association

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