

# **Best Practices**

of Family & Private Businesses

The Goering Center for Family and Private Business has been serving the tri-state region since 1989. We continuously monitor the research and trends of non-public firms and have compiled the following 10 Best Practices of successful family and private businesses.

#### DYNAMIC BUSINESS STRATEGY

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Develop, regularly update, and communicate a business strategic plan, with continuous measurement of results.

# 3 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Develop and execute an employee performance management system including accurate, up-to-date job descriptions, agreed upon goals, and timely, candid feedback and evaluations.

### BUSINESS CHARTER

Articulate a clear business philosophy, resulting in a charter that outlines policies concerning employment, ownership, compensation, management, conflict resolution, and personal and corporate responsibility.

#### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Implement leadership development plans for key positions and possible successors.

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OUTSIDE BOARDS

Establish either a Board of Advisors or Board of Directors including outside members.



## CONTINGENCY PLANNING

Create contingency and estate plans that address the organization's response in the event of disability, death or resignation of owners and key officers. OWNER'S RETIREMENT PLANS

Create retirement plans of owners that address lifetime security, including a continual challenge.

BUSINESS GROWTH

Experience continuous financial success over time in terms of sales and profit growth.



Create an active and functioning Family Council that communicates company and family issues. 10 giving back

Embrace and encourage company and individual community service.