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## BIOGRAPHY

After beginning his insurance career as a company underwriter, Steve joined the family business in 1972 as a broker concentrating in Commercial Insurance. He established a large book of clientele and, in 1986, became President, managing all operations of the Agency. In 2003, he shed some of his managerial duties and now serves as CEO. His leadership has taken the Agency from a \$725,000 to over \$8.2MM in revenue today, based on sales of over \$101 million.

As CEO, he is dedicated to instituting the founding values of Bender Insurance Solution and achieving the vision set forth by its owners and employees: to be the finest, independent, locally owned insurance and risk management brokerage in its marketing region, serving the best interests of its clients and communities.

He is a graduate of the University of the Pacific, School of Business, and holds the following coveted industry certifications: Certified Insurance Counselor and Certified Risk Manager. He has taken a leadership role within the Insurance Industry with his involvement in the Insurance Brokers and Agents of Sacramento and California

and the Western Association of Insurance Brokers, where he received the following awards: Producer-Professional of the Year, and Independent Agent of the Year.

Community give-back is at the core of Bender with Steve leading by example. He has served on the Boards of Methodist Hospital, Sacramento Theatre Company, Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Clubs of Sacramento and Auburn, and Stanford Home. As a leader, Steve has been President of the Board for Sacramento Ballet, Sacramento Active 20-30 Club #1, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and the Capital Region Family Business Center. In recognition, Steve was presented the Business Person of the Year Award by the Sac Metro Chamber, in 2006 accepted, on behalf of Bender Insurance Solutions, the Annual Induction into the Sac Metro Chamber Hall of Fame and, in 2017, Stephen was recognized by the Eskaton Foundation as CEO of the Year.

Steve and his bride of 40+ years, Nancy, have three amazing daughters. Steve's hobbies include fly fishing, endurance events (LLS - Team in Training) and backpacking the high Sierras and beyond.



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