

Richard Kasper

President and Chief Executive Officer

Rich joined the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Phoenix in 2013, bringing more than 20 years of valuable experience in law, nonprofit governance, community building, and philanthropy to his role as President and Chief Executive Officer. Prior to working for the Jewish Community Foundation, he enjoyed a successful law career, most recently as a partner with Ryan Rapp & Underwood PLC, where he provided legal counsel for many secular and Jewish nonprofit organizations, individuals, and publicly traded or closely held companies.

Before Ryan Rapp & Underwood PLC, Rich worked as the Arizona Regional Director for the Anti-Defamation League, Vice President of Professional Services at the Arizona Community Foundation, and as an attorney at Fennemore Craig, P.C.

Rich's extensive service to the Phoenix Jewish community includes his participation in the Wexner Heritage Program, an exclusive, two-year intensive adult education program for Jewish volunteer leaders. Before joining the professional staff of the Jewish Community Foundation, Rich served on the boards of the Jewish Community Foundation, Jewish Federation of Greater Phoenix, Valley of the Sun Jewish Community Center, the Jewish Community Relations Council, and Planned Parenthood of Central and Northern Arizona. Rich's term as board chair for Planned Parenthood of Central and Northern Arizona culminated in the organization's merger with Planned Parenthood of Southern Arizona, for the formation of a statewide entity, Planned Parenthood Arizona. In 1999, the Jewish Federation of Greater Phoenix presented Rich its Sy Clark Young Leadership Award, and in 2018 Rich received the Anti-Defamation League's Al Brooks Community Leadership Award.

A graduate of Oberlin College, Rich earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Southern California's Gould School of Law.