



David C. Bentall

| Workshop

“How Heroes Impact our Leadership Style”

| About David

David C. Bentall is the founding principal of Next Step Advisors and is a widely sought-after speaker and workshop presenter. Through his company he provides family business advisory services, as well as executive coaching. He is a gifted family meeting facilitator and regularly assists families to recruit and establish their first formal advisory boards. Prior to establishing his own firm, David worked for 20 years as a corporate executive. As a real estate professional, he was the only member of the third generation to work for his family's company, which was then known as the Bentall Group. Later in his career, he became President and CEO of Dominion Construction, a position that he held for nearly ten years. After selling his interests in the family firm, he played a pivotal role in the successful domestic bid to bring the 2010 Olympics to Vancouver.

From 2000 to 2005, David served as the founding Chair of the Business Families Center at UBC. Since that time, he has served as an Adjunct Professor at the Sauder School of Business, where he was awarded “best professor” honors by the students. For many years he taught both undergrad and MBA courses on family business for the university, and regularly taught the Road Map Course for Enterprising Families. More recently, he has been annually teaching workshops on governance as part of the Family Enterprise Advisor program, offered through the Family Enterprise Xchange (FEX).

David is a graduate of both The Sauder School of Business and The Harvard Business School. He is a “Fellow” of the Family Firm Institute and an internationally Certified Life Coach. For the past 10 years he has served on the Board of Directors for a private family investment company in Vancouver. He is also a member of the Investment Committee for a private equity firm.

In 2005, his first book, *The Company You Keep*, was awarded book of the year, in two categories, at the Canadian Word Guild Awards. His most recent book entitled “Leaving a Legacy”, explains how to successfully navigate Family Business Succession. His latest book entitled “Dear Younger Me” is expected to be released in the Fall of 2019. David is also a four-time Canadian National Water Ski Champion, and in January 2013, David was ranked the #1 male slalom skier in the world, in his age group.

David and his wife, Alison, have been married for over 40 years, and they have four married children and eight grandchildren.