

George J. Donnelly



George Donnelly has 17 years as an international energy professional, followed by 10 years of international executive recruiting experience. His corporate career included 11 years at Gulf Oil Corporation where he served as Vice President of the Latin American division, head of the Washington, D.C. office, Vice President of the Global Energy and Minerals group, and General Manager in Costa Rica.

Previously Donnelly worked for 6 years for Texaco in Latin America. His operating and staff experience focused early on refining and marketing general management in Latin America followed by exploration and production in Latin America and West Africa.

Upon the sale of Gulf Oil to Chevron, he established Lilo Ventures where he serves as Managing Partner. The entity has investments in Latin America. He was also a founder and serves as Chairman of Global Suppliers, a US firm active in oilfield services.

He served as President of the San Jacinto Museum and later as President and CEO of the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Donnelly graduated from the McDonough School of Business of Georgetown University and Columbia University's Advanced Management Program. Donnelly's board experiences are numerous and have included the Greater Houston Partnership; he chairs its World Trade Division and the Partnership Aviation Committee. He served as past chairman of the Houston Committee on Foreign Relations, the United Way, Center for Houston's Future, the Institute of International Education, KIPP charter schools, and the Health Museum.

Donnelly serves on the corporate boards of Parker Drilling and Avanti Exploration, LLC. He also accepted the invitation to join the Advisory Board of the Business School at Houston Baptist University.

He has been honored to receive international recognitions, including Presidential decorations from Brazil, Chile, and Venezuela. Donnelly was awarded the Houston International Executive of the Year award.

Donnelly is a native of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and is married to Maria Cristina Chirolla, a former member of the Colombian Supreme Court. He has three grown sons and five grandchildren.