

Following work as a computer analyst at NASA, and then an ASU Law graduation (magna cum laude) in 1973, Jerry joined the then Lewis & Roca law firm. After about 4 years, he left to be a real estate investor/owner and then founded the Lodestar Foundation to expand philanthropy efforts through encouraging philanthropy, public service and volunteerism as well as encouraging nonprofits to collaborate. Lodestar has facilitated hundreds of collaborations as diverse as those supporting the United Nations, national cancer groups and the largest merger of nonprofit support organizations in the country. (More recently, Lodestar has become a national leader in facilitating cooperation and collaboration among the hundreds of organizations working towards making our nation more democratic and citizen discourse more politically civil.) In 2010, Barrons named Jerry one of the 25 most effective philanthropists in the world. In Phoenix, Lodestar initiated the Lodestar Day Resource Center at the Human Services Campus and the Lodestar Center for Alternative Dispute resolution at ASU, and has been instrumental in supporting the Lodestar Center for Philanthropic and Nonprofit Innovation, also at ASU. Lodestar founded the philanthropic network Social Venture Partners in Arizona and facilitated its expansion internationally. Jerry is an advisor to or on the board of several international organizations pursuing peace in the world, and most importantly, he has six kids, 12 grandkids and 2 great grand kids.