



ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

Irwin Novack

President and CEO, Kanes Furniture

With more than 40 years of retail and business experience, Irwin Novack is the President and CEO of Kane's Furniture, headquartered in Pinellas Park. When he began his career with Kane's in 1980, Novack began learning the business while working in operations, absorbing everything he could about the furniture business. Today, Kane's is the 43rd largest furniture chain in the United States and one of Florida's oldest and most successful businesses. Additionally, he oversees the Kane's employee team, which is comprised of 800 employees located throughout 18 locations operating over 1 million square feet of retail furniture space.

Beyond his executive duties, Novack can often be found in various leadership positions within the community. His time has been generously given as a member of the board of directors to the following organizations: National Home Furnishings Association, the Pinellas Education Foundation as a former Chair and current executive committee member, the Tampa Bay Sports Commission, the Tampa Bay Lightning Foundation and The Vincent Lecavalier Foundation. He has also been a frequent guest lecturer at the Gus A. Stavros Center for Free Enterprise and Economic Education at USF on a variety of topics related to business. Irwin also serves on the advisory board for Furniture Today, an industry publication providing news and information related to furniture and retail business, and he is often quoted on industry trends and issues.

As an advocate for education and children, Irwin has supported local charities including Junior Achievement, the Pinellas Education Foundation, All Children's Hospital, Starting Right Now and he was most recently appointed as a founding member of the local board of directors for the Positive Coaches Alliance.

Novack enjoys sports and travel and can often be found supporting the Tampa Bay Lightning where he was a part of the ownership group from 2008 - 2010.

A 1970 graduate of the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Novack earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science. He continued his education at Suffolk University Law School and was granted an MBA from the University of Hartford in 1975. A former CPA, his business career began in 1976 in Charlotte North Carolina, working with Haskins and Sells, formerly one of the "Big 8" accounting firms.

A native of Springfield Massachusetts, Irwin and his wife of 40 years, Patti, raised their children in Pinellas County where they still reside. Their daughter Paige, lives in NYC with husband Todd Kramer and son Caleb, daughter Kim lives in Bethesda with husband Mark Coletta and son Blake, and their youngest, Mark, lives in NYC.