

Speaker Biography
Girard Miller

Girard Miller is an investor, strategic consultant and commentator, residing in Malibu California. He is known nationally as an authority on the investment of public funds. His column, *Girard Miller's Public Benefits Beat*, appears regularly in *Governing* magazine and its online management letter.

Girard recently joined Public Financial Management (PFM) as a senior strategist working in the field of OPEB strategies and related retirement plans. Most recently he was a voting member of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. He also serves as a director of the Tegrity Financial Group, an innovative venture capital subsidiary of the Michigan Municipal Employees Retirement System.

Previously, Girard was the president of the Janus mutual funds and was chief operating officer of Janus Capital Group, Inc., a global investment company with \$170 billion of assets under management. Prior to that, he was the president and chief executive officer of the ICMA Retirement Corporation for ten years after heading Fidelity Investments' public funds group.

Girard's career began in the public sector. After working for ten years in local governments in New Jersey and Michigan, he joined the professional staff of the Government Finance Officers Association in 1981. He authored 12 publications for GFOA and founded its *Public Investor* newsletter for investment professionals. Girard recently volunteered to help GFOA publish a new and updated 2008 edition of his *Elected Official's Guide to Government Finance*.

Girard earned a B.A. degree from the University of Washington (Seattle); he is a master of public administration graduate of the Maxwell School of Public Affairs of Syracuse University; and he holds a master's degree in economics from Wayne State University in Detroit. He is a chartered financial analyst and a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration.