

## Gregory S. Belton, C.V.O., C.M., KC\*HS., LL.D.



Gregory is Executive Chairman of HUB International Canada, a regional division of HUB International Limited, one of the world's top 5 global insurance brokerages with 13,000 employees in the U.S and Canada. In his capacity as Executive Chairman Gregory is responsible for all national mergers and acquisitions in the Property & Casualty, Employee Benefits and Pensions sectors. In philanthropic circles, Gregory is best known for his role as Chairman of the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award based in London, UK.

Gregory began his career in insurance in 1981 with Crawford and Company Insurance Adjustors in Atlanta, Georgia, followed by five years at Wellington Insurance Company in Toronto. At the age of 29, he left Wellington to purchase Muntz & Beatty Inc., one of Canada's oldest commercial insurance brokerages.

Following the acquisition of three of Canada's oldest insurance brokerages, HKMB International Ltd was formed; which grew to become Canada's largest privately owned commercial insurance broker. In 2008 HKMB joined HUB International Ltd and in 2014 HUB was acquired by Hellman & Friedman Capital Partners for U.S. \$4.4 billion, in 2018 Altas Partners acquired 25% of HUB for USD\$2.5Billion.

During the 1990's, Gregory became involved with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, initially as President of the Ontario Division in 1992, and National President in 1994. In this role, he launched the Charter for Business which, to date, has generated corporate donations exceeding \$35 million for "at risk" youth. In 1997, Gregory was appointed a Trustee of the International Award Association; from 2007 to 2015 he served as Chairman of the International Trustees; a position previously held by HRH the Duke of Edinburgh. In 2015, HRH Prince Edward assumed the Chairmanship, Gregory became the Honorary Chairman of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award World Fellowship. In addition to his position as Chairman of the International Trustees, he served as Chairman of the Business Advisory Group and of the 501c 3 Charitable Trust for the Duke of Edinburgh Awards in the U.S., and as a board member of the Duke of Edinburgh's International USA Award.

Gregory is a member of the Board of Directors and sits on the Investment Committee at St. Michael's Hospital Foundation; Chairman of the Donner Canadian Foundation and member of the Investment Committee for the US based Wm. H Donner Foundation; Director at the Palm Beach Civic Association and Board Advisor for L'Arche Canada Foundation.

His past directorships include the Toronto General Hospital Foundation, the Toronto Insurance Conference, Salt & Light Television and Co- Chairman of the Curators' Circle Committee at the Art Gallery of Ontario and Securefact Corporation. He is a member of the Young Presidents' Organization (YPO); and was Chairman of the Upper Canada Chapter of YPO in 2000/2001. From 2003-2005, Gregory was the first non-American to be appointed Chairman of U.S based Assurex Global, the world's largest privately held risk management, commercial insurance and employee benefits group; serving for two terms.



Gregory has numerous national and international awards and recognitions:

- Appointed a **Commander of the Royal Victorian Order (CVO)** by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II (2009)
- Appointed a **Member of the Order of Canada**, one of Canada's highest civilian honours, that recognizes a lifetime of outstanding achievement, dedication to the community and service to the nation (2016)
- Awarded a **Honourary Doctor of Laws** by Glendon College, York University (2019)
- **The Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal** awarded to those who have made a significant contribution to Canada, to their community and fellow Canadians (2003)
- **The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal**, awarded to Canadians who build a caring society and country through their service, contribution and achievements (2012)
- Selected by the Government of Canada to welcome new immigrants to Canada by presiding over citizenship ceremonies (2012)
- **Knight of the Papal Order**, the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, KHS (2006); elevated to **Knight Commander** (2011)
- **YPO Legacy Award** granted to YPO members who have overcome great obstacles to achieve success, accomplished something extraordinary in their lives, and/or inspired others (2003)

Gregory was born in Toronto, Canada in 1958, was educated at St. Jean Brebeuf Jesuit School and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Glendon College, York University. He is an active member of the Toronto Golf Club, Granite Club, the Toronto Club, The York Club, The Everglades Club in Palm Beach, The Royal Automobile Club and Annabel's in London, UK. He resides in Toronto and Palm Beach, has been married for 30 years and has three children: Scott who spent 10 years working in the London, UK Insurance Market and is now at HUB International as Vice President, Professional Liability; James who was formally in the military and now works as a Private Investor and Victoria who works at a Public Relations Firm after 5 years of undergrad and grad studies in London, UK.