



# The Richland Companies

## **Edna Meyer-Nelson**

Founder, President, and Chief Executive Officer

As President and Chief Executive Officer of The Richland Companies, Edna Meyer-Nelson directs all business activities for Richland's many divisions. Since founding The Richland Companies in 1993, she has amassed a portfolio of 35 properties in five states representing more than 2.5 million square feet of commercially owned and managed property throughout the Southwestern United States valued in excess of \$250 million. She began her career in the banking industry where she served as Vice President, Commercial Loan Officer, and Marketing Director for several of the larger banks in Houston, such as: Great Southern Bank, Fondren Southwest Bank, American National Bank and Charter Bank. During her tenure, Meyer-Nelson's duties included initiating commercial, small business and real estate loans, as well as executive lines of credit. While managing over \$50 million in assets, she also assisted in the buy-outs of several independent banks, initiated and incorporated new, cost effective programs, and actively encouraged executive women to enter new business ventures.

Meyer-Nelson is a graduate of Southern Methodist University with post-graduate degrees from the University of Houston and the University of Colorado. She is an active member of the National Association of Professional Women, CREW and the American Business Women's Association as well as a frequent guest lecturer for a variety of graduate, undergraduate and continuing education courses at Rice University and University of Houston, where she sits on the Executive Advisory Board-Graduate Real Estate Program, C.T. Bauer College of Business. In 2010, she was appointed Chairman of the Advisory Council for The Texas Heart Institute's Center for Women's Heart and Vascular Health. A longtime board member of Houston Children's Charity, in 2009 Edna earned the distinction of presiding as its first female President. She also serves on the board of the Houston Police Foundation. She is a member of The Cooley Circle, a Charter Member of Baylor Research Advocates for Student Scientists, a recipient of the CAPS Cherished Companion Award and a supporter of Houston Crime Stoppers.

In 2017, Meyer-Nelson became the first woman to receive the Houston Business Journal's Landmark Lifetime Achievement Award. She is an inductee of the Greater Houston Women's Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame, has been named Houston Business Journal's Inaugural Best for Profit CEO and a finalist for their Women Who Mean Business Award, received CREW's 2015 Networking Story of the Year, one of Real Estate Forum's 2014 Women of Influence, one of CREW's 2012 Top 15 Women in Commercial Real Estate, one of Real Estate Forum's 2010 Women of Influence, a top finalist for "Business Woman of the Year" and "Entrepreneur of the Year" and continually garners top spots on The Houston Business Journal's Top 50 Women Owned Businesses, Top 50 Fastest Growing Businesses, and Top 100 Diversified Businesses in the United States. She currently resides in Houston, Texas.

### **About The Richland Companies**

Recently named one of Houston Business Journal's Largest Houston Commercial Real Estate Property Owners, The Richland Companies is a privately owned real estate investment, management, brokerage, leasing, mortgage, and tenant representation firm that specializes in the acquisition and management of commercial real estate properties. The Richland Companies' portfolio includes 35 properties in five states throughout the Southwestern United States, representing more than 2.5 million square feet of commercially owned retail, industrial, office, office-warehouse, and office flex space, with assets valued in excess of \$250 million dollars. Headquartered in Houston, Texas with offices in Dallas and San Antonio, The Richland Companies is comprised of Richland Investments, Richland Brokerage, Richland Asset Management, Richland Commercial Mortgage, Richland Leasing, Richland Tenant Representation, Richland Property Management, Richland Land Development and LandRich Construction. For additional information on **The Richland Companies**, please visit [www.therichlandcompanies.com](http://www.therichlandcompanies.com).

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