



Dane Cornell

Executive Chairman of the Board

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Dane Cornell serves as the Executive Chairman of the Board at ABC Companies, where he continues to provide strategic mentorship and oversight to the company's leadership team. With over five decades of experience within the organization and industry, his vision and steady leadership helped ABC navigate periods of growth and transitions.

Dane's early involvement began in the 1970s when he assisted his father, Clancy Cornell, in developing the Florida facility. Through the 1980s and 1990s, he served in leadership roles including President of the Coach division, guiding facility expansions and overseeing new Van Hool import operations. From 2006 to 2013 he served as President and CEO before transitioning to Chairman.

Dane has been recognized for his long-standing contributions to the travel and transportation industry, including his 1999 induction into the National Tourism Foundation Hall of Fame and his previous service on the Board of Directors of the American Bus Association.

A transformative moment in his leadership came between 2010 and 2012 when he successfully advocated for Van Hool to shift its manufacturing base to North Macedonia. Recognizing the need to reduce costs and maintain competitiveness, Dane's efforts helped influence that decision, ensuring continued quality and securing a vital role for ABC in Van Hool's future growth.

As President and Chief Executive Officer, Dane guided ABC through the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, delivering essential support and introducing safety solutions such as the CLEANS program to help customers return to service with confidence. His leadership continued into the post-pandemic period, where he played an integral role in ABC's response to Van Hool's restructuring. Working closely with stakeholders, he helped secure full family ownership of the business and ensured a stable transition with new ownership structures in place.

Dane continued as CEO and Chairman through 2023, when he transitioned into his current role as Executive Chairman. His guidance remains critical as ABC expands its footprint, including new facilities and the integration of alternative fuel and specialty vehicle offerings into its portfolio.



He resides in Windermere, Florida, with his wife Judy and enjoys traveling with his two daughters and five grandsons. As the second generation of the Cornell family to lead ABC, his stewardship remains deeply rooted in the company's core values of integrity, trust, collaboration, and innovation.