

Saint Vincent de Paul Society Board of Directors



John Sawyer

Retired, Senior Vice President and Chief Distribution Officer
Protective Life

John joined Protective Life in 1992. Senior Vice President, Chief Distribution Officer (March 2012 – Present) – Responsible for Protective Life Insurance and Annuity Distribution businesses for all channels. Functional areas covered include Sales, Marketing, Sales Support, Account Management and Product Development. Primary focus is strategic direction and tactical execution of distribution businesses, financial performance, in-force customer and business management, product life cycle management and human capital development. John is also responsible for Protective’s Brokerage General Agency; First Protective and Protective’s Broker Dealer; ProEquities.

John has also held the positions of Senior Vice President – Annuities, Vice President, Business Development, Vice President, Account Management, National Sales Manager - Institutional Life Sales, Director of Life Sales and Annuity Divisional Sales Director.

John graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He began his financial career with the Mutual Benefits Companies of Newark, New Jersey in 1989. Specialties at Mutual Benefits included employee benefits and executive compensation. John also served as Regional Sales Director for United Liberty Life in Cincinnati, Ohio

John resides in Cincinnati, Ohio with his wife and two children. He is on the Membership Committee of the Insured Retirement Institute, LIMRA Strategic Marketing Issues Committee member, LIMRA Distribution Roundtable member, ACLI Distribution Committee member, AALU Issues Alliance member, Director St. Vincent DePaul Society, Endowment Committee McNicholas High School.

John has been a very active member of our Board since joining in 2013, Chairperson and currently sits on our Finance Committee and Strategic Planning Committee (member of the Lead Team).