



David A. Spina '60



After graduation from Bay Shore High School in 1960, David Spina attended Holy Cross College in Worcester, Massachusetts under the Naval ROTC program. After he was commissioned an ensign and graduated from Holy Cross, he served in the Navy from 1964 to 1969, spending three years on destroyers based in Newport, Rhode Island and one year as a skipper of a SWIFT boat in South Viet Nam. He then spent a fifth year in the Navy at a desk job in Boston and so began a love affair with the city, a city with a strong sense of history and community, a city with its own energy and vitality, a city that provided with the opportunity to meet, court, and marry his wife, Stevie (short for Stephanie). Not at all peripatetic, he and Stevie bought a house in the western suburbs and still live there.

As much as David and his family prospered from being anchored in the Boston area as far as their personal lives are concerned, he also succeeded in the discovering of stability in his professional life. In 1969, he went to work for State Street Bank, an old conservative institution founded in 1792. He left for a short time to earn an MBA at Harvard University and then returned to State Street. During an era in which the winds of change hit the banking industry very hard, State Street turned out to be one of the companies that prospered. When he joined the company in 1969, the bank employed some 2,000 individuals, all in eastern Massachusetts. When he retired in June 2004 as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, State Street had more than 20,000 employees in twenty-three countries.

Challenged, absorbed, and stimulated by personal and business growth over the last thirty-four years, David has enjoyed the opportunities to travel to many of the world's financial centers where he has met fascinating people. He and Stevie have two wonderful children, Kate, who was married last summer, and Alex, a recent graduate of Northeastern University who has begun his own music production business, specializing in extreme heavy metal. A man who thrives on singularity, David has had one wife, one house, and one employer. A minor heart attack several years ago and recent by-pass surgery have not set him back and since retirement he has sought to discover what he will pursue from the many things that life has to offer.