

## **DAVID ABBOTT** *Profile*

David Abbott retired at the end of 2021 after 19 years as president of The George Gund Foundation, a grantmaking organization focused primarily on Cleveland and committed to making Cleveland and all urban areas leaders in addressing the three pivotal issues of our time: climate change, racial justice and preserving democracy.

Prior to joining the Foundation, he served as president of University Circle Incorporated, executive director of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum and executive director of the Cleveland Bicentennial Commission. Abbott was also the Cuyahoga County Administrator for eight years under the old three-Commissioner form of county government and, early in his career, he was a reporter for The Plain Dealer.

Abbott currently serves as the inaugural Distinguished Jurist in Residence at the Case Western Reserve University School of Law.

Abbott was born and raised in Fremont, Ohio, and he holds a B.A. in political science from Denison University, a M.S. in journalism from Columbia University, and a J.D. from Harvard Law School. He and his wife Jan Roller live in Cleveland and have three adult sons and one granddaughter.