

Dennis M. Barden, Consultant and Coach

Barden Career Consulting LLC



Dennis M. Barden has spent his professional life in service to higher education and other non-profit organizations. From the time of his graduation from St. Lawrence University in 1979 until 1998, he served in increasingly responsible administrative roles at his alma mater, Georgetown University, Northwestern University and the University of Chicago. In 1998, he joined the executive search firm WittKieffer and in 2002 became a senior partner focusing on assisting colleges, universities, academic medical centers and non-profit organizations in their search for senior leadership. His roles at the firm included leading the education practice from 2002-2009 and serving two terms on WittKieffer's Board of Directors.

During his 24 years with WittKieffer, Dennis led teams in support of more than 500 searches for presidents/chancellors, deans, and vice presidents/chancellors for a wide array of institutions. During this time, he developed a reputation for thought leadership through his writings for *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *CASE Currents* and other national publications. He is a CASE Laureate and in 2000 was recognized with that organization's Steuben Apple Award for excellence in the organization's international educational programs.

Upon his retirement from the firm in 2022, Dennis formed Barden Career Consulting LLC with the goal of providing counsel to higher education and other non-profit leaders seeking career advancement. Dennis offers assistance with search strategy, written materials, interview techniques, interface with search consultants and final negotiations. He is headquartered in suburban Chicago and Longboat Key, FL.