

**Sanford Paris**  
**Owner**



A native of Chicago, Illinois, Sanford P. Paris has been a resident of the Los Angeles area since 1948. After graduating from Beverly Hills High School in 1955, he attended the University of California, Los Angeles to graduate with a bachelor's degree in accounting in 1959. He attended and graduated from Southwestern University Law School in Los Angeles in 1963 and became a member of the California Bar in 1964. After serving two years as an officer in the United States Army, Paris returned to civilian life where he worked with the national accounting firm of Seidman and Seidman, now BDO Seidman.

In 1967 Sanford joined his father, Oscar L. Paris, in the business of developing industrial property in the San Fernando Valley. He has expanded that business by building in Pacoima, North Hollywood, Van Nuys, Canoga Park, Camarillo, Chatsworth, and Simi Valley. With a staff of two, he oversees the management of approximately 700,000 feet of industrial property.

Paris has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Valley Industry and Commerce Association (VICA) since 1968 and was its President in 1988. In 1998, he was the recipient of VICA's Harmon Ballin Community Service Award. He is a past president of the Los Angeles Headquarters Association, where he has also been a long-time member of its Board of Directors and in 2002, received its Bill Harkness Service Award. His professional affiliations include the Los Angeles County, California State and San Fernando Valley Bar Associations, and the Encino Chamber of Commerce.

Paris has served on the board of directors and the Advisory Board of the Jewish Community Foundation for over 15 years. He is a long-time member of the Pepperdine University Associates, as well serving on the Board of Trustees of Southwestern University School of Law.

Sanford is a member of the Board of Directors of the California State University, Northridge, (CSUN) Foundation. He was the recipient of the 1998 Community Leadership Award presented by the College of Business Administration and Economics. In 1986 he was honored by the Anti-Defamation League as their Man of the Year for the San Fernando Valley and is a member of their regional board. Paris serves as a member of the Board of Directors of American Cinematheque and the Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley, where he is now Treasurer. His business, Paris Industrial Parks, was given a "Phoenix" award from the Valley Economic Development Center, Inc. for its rapid recovery from the 1994 Northridge Earthquake.

Paris was appointed by Mayor Tom Bradley to the Los Angeles City Board of Library Commissioners in 1984 where he served until December 1993. Commissioner Paris served two terms as the board's vice president and one term as president. He has served as vice president of the Library Foundation of Los Angeles and was a member of its Board of Directors until 2000 and remains a member of one of its support groups. He was invited to become a member of the Board of Overseers of the Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles and the Board of Directors of the Executives, a support group of the Los Angeles Jewish Home for the Aging.

Paris and his wife, the former Valerie Cox, live in Encino. Together they have five children and ten grand-children.