

Margaret A. Cline, CFA, CFP®

Margaret A. (Meg) Cline serves as the Vice President for Gift Planning and Trust Services at the University of Illinois where she is responsible for the management of a gift planning and trust services team of 11 professional staff that oversee all aspects of gift planning, deferred gift administration for over \$100 million in life income gifts, estate settlements, and all gift documentation for the University of Illinois System and its three universities. Prior to assuming this role in February 2015, Meg served for five years as the Associate Dean for Advancement for the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Meg has also served as Director of Principal Gifts and a Gift Planning Advisor with the University of Illinois Foundation. In this capacity, she also served as Executive Assistant for Development Activities to President B. Joseph White.

Before joining the Foundation in March of 2005, Meg worked for the Missouri State Employees' Retirement System (MOSERS) in Jefferson City, Missouri where she assisted in the management of institutional investment portfolios and was the key liaison for all communication and education on investment matters with the Board of Trustees, retirees, the press, and general public. Prior to her time with MOSERS, Meg worked for the University of Missouri – Columbia in planned giving and began her career in the fee-only financial planning industry in Columbus, Ohio with Budros, Ruhlin, & Roe. She entered the financial planning industry as a student intern for a regional financial planning firm.

Meg received a Bachelor of Science degree and MBA from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She holds the Certified Financial Planner® designation and the Chartered Financial Analyst designation. Meg is a member of the Financial Planning Association, the Chartered Financial Analyst Institute, a current board member for the Chicago Council on Planned Giving, the National Association of Charitable Gift Planners, the Eastern Illinois Estate Planning Council (serving as a board member for six years and past president), is a regent of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois and chair of the Endowment and Development Committee, and is an active member of P.E.O., a social sorority committed to providing educational opportunities to women. She currently serves as the District V Membership Representative for the Illinois State Chapter of P.E.O. She is past president of the Illinois 4-H House Alumni Association. She has served as a board member for the Crisis Nursery in Champaign-Urbana, board member and treasurer for the Missouri Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems, and served on the board of the Financial Planning Association of Greater Columbus Ohio. In 2002, Meg was recognized as the University of Illinois Outstanding Young Alumni for the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences and in 2018, Meg was recognized as the Outstanding Alumna for 4-H House Alumni Association in recognition for her service to the house and efforts to launch their first ever comprehensive capital campaign and renovation.

Raised on a farm in Stark County, Illinois, Meg now resides in Champaign, Illinois with her husband, Scott, and their fifteen-year-old daughter.