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George Barrett is the founder of The Overtone Group. He is a healthcare industry leader, educator, and frequent speaker on leadership, with a distinguished career as a business executive of global corporations. He served as chairman and CEO of Cardinal Health, a Fortune 20 multi-national healthcare services and products company, for nearly a decade, ending in November 2018. Prior to Cardinal Health, Barrett held senior positions, including CEO and president, at multiple global pharmaceutical companies.

Under his tenure, Cardinal Health was recognized as one of Fortune's World's Most Admired Companies, Forbes America's Best Employers, and received numerous awards for its public health, corporate social responsibility, and philanthropic initiatives. Barrett was personally recognized multiple times by Institutional Investor as a Top CEO on the All-America Executive Team and as a Top CEO in the annual Glassdoor Employees' Choice Awards.

Barrett is a director on multiple boards, including Target Corporation, National Resilience, Digital Diagnostics, and Nationwide Children's Hospital. He co-chairs the National Academy of Medicine Action Collaborative on Decarbonizing the U.S. Health Sector, and serves on the Advisory Board of InStride, a public benefit company focused on workforce development. He is vice chair of the board of trustees of The Conference Board and a trustee of the Committee for Economic Development. He is member of the governing committee of The Columbus Foundation, one of the largest community foundations in the United States.

Barrett is a visiting professor of practice and senior fellow at New York University's Stern School of Business, an adjunct professor at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health, and a frequent lecturer at other universities. A lifelong performing musician and arts supporter, Barrett is a trustee of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

Barrett previously served on the boards of the Fourth District of the Federal Reserve Bank and Eaton Corporation, and as a member of President Obama's White House Business Council. He was chair of the boards of the Healthcare Leadership Council and the Generic Pharmaceutical Industry Association. He served on the executive committee of Columbus Partnership, a non-profit organization of CEOs focused on the economic vitality of the region, and as co-chair, with the mayor, of the Columbus Education Commission to make recommendations for improving the public school system.

Barrett earned an A.B. from Brown University with a dual concentration in history and music, and an M.B.A. from New York University. He is a trustee emeritus of Brown, and currently serves on the board of Brown's Corporation Committee on Medical and Health Affairs and on Brown's Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs. He holds multiple honorary doctorates and is the recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor and the Peter G. Peterson Business Statesmanship Award, for a life dedicated to community service and the public good.