

## Nick S. Cypress



Mr. Cypress has enjoyed a distinguished career of almost 30 years focused in diversified accounting and finance.

In May of 2004, Mr. Cypress became Senior Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer for The Interpublic Group of Companies. His responsibilities include implementation of a strong system of financials controls, leadership of Sarbanes-Oxley compliance, financial systems and process oversight, as well as leadership of the company's Controllers' Community.

Before his role at The Interpublic Group of Companies, Mr. Cypress spent almost six years as AT&T's Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer. He was responsible for the traditional controllership duties, leading AT&T's Sarbanes-Oxley implementation efforts, financial systems oversight, budgeting and planning, and leadership for initiatives to reduce cost for the corporation. During that timeframe, he spent three months as the company's acting Chief Financial Officer. Prior to taking the controller position, he served as AT&T's Assistant Corporate Controller and Chief Accountant. Previously, he served nine years at AT&T Capital Corporation, the last six of which he was Vice President and Controller. Earlier in his career at AT&T, he was the lead technical Accounting Policy Manager for AT&T Information Systems.

Mr. Cypress spent several years in the oil and gas industry working for Amerada Hess and SPG Energy.

He began his accounting career working for PricewaterhouseCoopers, where he spent several years on diversified audit assignments.

Mr. Cypress received his BS degree in Accounting from Fairleigh Dickinson University in 1977, and received his MBA from New York University's Stern School of Business in 1990. He is a certified public accountant in New Jersey.

He is currently a member of the Executive Committee of FEI's Committee on Corporate Reporting, a member of the PCAOB's Standing Advisory Group, a Board of Directors member for the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission, a resource group member of the FASB's Revenue Recognition Project, and a member of the Board of Advisors at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Silberman College of Business. He is also a member of the AICPA and the New Jersey State Society of Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Cypress was chairman of the Equipment Leasing Association's Accounting Committee.