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Bob Berk is a Master Chair with VISTAGE International, the world's leading CEO organization. He has been recognized with seven consecutive chair excellence awards and was recognized in 2004 with the first Robert Nourse award recognizing him as "the best of the best" of the six hundred world-wide chairs. Bob is currently coaching 32 CEO's and business leaders and is working with the leadership teams in 16 different organizations.

Besides his executive coaching, Bob leads seminars in team development and facilitates strategic planning sessions. His clients have included Fortune 500 companies, both domestic and international, as well as mid market and entrepreneurial companies. He has been a key note speaker, focusing on leadership, execution and success.

Bob has taught at the NYU Institute of Retail Management, and has led a leadership seminar at the Walter Payton College Preparatory High School in Chicago. The school was recently named the number one school in the state.

Prior to executive coaching and his strategic planning work, Bob was a partner, President and CEO of the largest independent retail shoe business in the country. That business sold in 1985 for 15 times earnings. After the sale of the business, Bob became, in his words, a "world class little league coach". Bob also serves as Chairman of a for-profit company board and serves as the Chairman of "A Giving Heart Foundation", whose goal is for no child to ever have to have open heart surgery.

Bob lives in Chicago with his wife of 38 years. His two married children and three grand children all also live in Chicago which means Bob is about 2 years away from returning to his little league coaching.