

VALERIE A. COOPER - BIOGRAPHY



Valerie A. Cooper founded **Picture That Art Consultants** after a 15-year Wall Street career in Risk Management with Goldman Sachs. As Vice President of Risk Technology, Valerie led software development teams that implemented counterparty risk technology solutions in the United States, Europe and Asia. Prior to joining Goldman Sachs, Valerie held technology positions with Travelers (Hartford, CT) and PepsiCo (Purchase, NY).

Picture That Art Consultants founded in 2002, currently sources framed artwork, photography and sculpture to provide the “finishing touch” for a facility’s décor. The firm also offers art appraisal, advisory, collection management and curatorial services. Nationwide clients include corporations, hedge funds, healthcare and academic institutions.

Valerie holds an MBA from Columbia University; a Fine Arts Appraisal Studies Certificate from New York University; an Executive Entrepreneur Certificate from Tuck School of Business-Dartmouth College; and a BS from Morgan State University. Valerie is also an Accredited Member of the Appraisers Association of America with a specialty in African American Fine Art.

A native of Stamford, Valerie is a Commissioner for the City of Stamford’s Arts and Culture Commission, a Board Member for Inspirica, Inc. and an Adjunct Professor for Norwalk Community College. Current memberships include: The Community Investment Committee of Fairfield County’s Community Foundation; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (Chair of The Arts Committee) and The Links, Incorporated (Member of the Eastern Area Arts Committee). Since 2004, her firm has sponsored a Cultural Arts and Literary Program for Stamford Public Schools to promote awareness of diversity using art as a vehicle. This program has positively impacted the lives of numerous students, teachers, families and the community at large over the past 16 years. Past Board Memberships include Norwalk Community College Foundation, CTE and A Better Chance of Darien, CT.