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Martin Vanacour, Ph.D. is the CEO of Dynamic Relations LLC which is “Dedicated to Improving Relationships Between Elected and Appointed Officials”.

Dr. Vanacour is the former City Manager of Glendale, AZ. serving from 1985 to January 2002. Prior to obtaining that position, he had served as Assistant City Manager in Glendale since 1970 and held several positions with the City of Phoenix for four years.

Dr. Vanacour serves on the Board of Directors of the Morrison Institute, an Arizona “think tank” for public policy and is an adjunct faculty member at Arizona State University. In addition, he serves as a facilitator for ASU’s Center for Executive Development. He has written several articles and contributed to an ICMA-National League of Cities workbook entitled “Working Together: A Guide for Elected and Appointed Officials”. He recently has written a chapter in the revised ICMA text book “The Effective Local Government Manager”.

Dr. Vanacour received his Ph.D. from Arizona State University, his MPA degree from New York University, and his BA degree in Political Science from the University of New York at Buffalo.

Dr. Vanacour served on the Board of Directors of the National Innovation Groups and has long been active in the International City/County Management Association and was National Chair for the ICMA Conference in Portland, Oregon. He is also a member of the American Society of Public Administration and Past President of the Arizona Chapter. He is a member and Past President of the Arizona City/County Management Association. Dr. Vanacour has served on several national editorial boards. He also has been a member of numerous NASPAA Peer and Accreditation Site Visits Teams.

In 1995, he received the ICMA Steven Sweeney Academic Award for his contribution to the education of students pursuing careers in local government. That same year, he also received the American Society for Public Administration’s Superior Service Award for Management. In 1998, Dr. Vanacour received the “John J. Jack Debolske Professional of the Year” award from the Arizona City/County Management Association. In May 2000, he received the Outstanding Adjunct Professor Award from the College of Extended Education Arizona State University, and in 2004 received the Faculty Associate Award from the School of Public Affairs, Arizona State University.

Dr. Vanacour has been facilitating numerous workshops throughout the United States regarding City Council/City Manager Relations. He also consults with individual cities and counties regarding leadership development, team building, retreat facilitation, city manager evaluations, management improvements, and developing strategic goals. Dr. Vanacour has been a speaker and presenter at numerous State and National conferences in both technical and motivational settings. Some of his clients are: The International City/County Managers Association, The National League of Cities, The Innovation Groups, The League of California Cities, and The Arizona League of Cities and Towns.