



## ERIC MAHLER

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### KEYNOTE

Eric Mahler brings thirty years of executive advisory experience to every keynote, grounded in real boardroom decisions, not theory. His talks combine practical frameworks, honest leadership analysis, and the conviction that steady leadership is the most powerful competitive advantage any organization can have.

### SPEAKING TOPICS

#### **Leading from the Center — Steadiness, Coherence, and the Leader Who Holds**

The most expensive gap in any organization isn't the strategy gap, it's the gap between what the leader says they believe and what their decisions reveal. This keynote shows leaders how to hold their center under pressure and lead with conviction that builds trust when everything else is moving. Drawn from *The Center of the Compass*, Amplify Publishing, December 2026.

#### **AI, Judgment & The Human Premium — What Leaders Must Not Delegate**

AI can analyze faster, model better, and communicate at scale. What it cannot do is be trusted. As AI raises the floor on what's possible, it raises the premium on what's distinctly human. This keynote helps leaders understand what they must protect, develop, and never delegate in the age of intelligent systems.

#### **Disruption is a Sorting Machine — The Diagnostic Every Board Needs**

Disruption doesn't create leadership crises. It reveals them. This session helps boards and executive teams assess whether they've built the right kind of leadership for what's coming and what to do if they haven't.

#### **Advancing Your Board Journey — Governance Across Every Ownership Structure**

A practical guide to governance across PE, private, public, ESOP, and nonprofit structures. Designed for senior executives pursuing their first or next board role. Most recent engagement: FEI Twin Cities, PDA Minnesota, and CEO Roundtable, 200+ senior executives, March 2026.

### WHAT AUDIENCES SAY

*"For the first time I heard governance presented through the lens of different ownership structures. It changed how I think about board roles."*

— CFO, FEI Twin Cities

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*"The best association presentation I've attended. Experience-based and led — no theory."*

— **Controller, Large Manufacturing Company, CEO Roundtable**

*"The subject matter was rich and the stories were insightful. Eric covered ground I hadn't heard before in this context."* — **VP of Finance, PDA Minnesota**

*"The information was immediately useful. It helped me narrow down exactly where to focus my board search efforts."* — **Senior Executive, FEI Twin Cities**

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## BIOGRAPHY

### 50 Words

Eric Mahler is the Founder of Aretos Advisory and author of *The Center of the Compass* (Amplify Publishing, December 2026). With thirty years of executive leadership spanning Fortune 500 advisory, national firm building, and board governance, he speaks to C-suite leaders, boards, and leadership summits on steady leadership, AI governance, and board readiness.

### 100 Words

Eric Mahler is the Founder and Managing Partner of Aretos Advisory and the author of *The Center of the Compass* (Amplify Publishing, December 2026), endorsed by Marshall Goldsmith and five additional thought leaders. He founded Fulcrum Consulting, grew it into a national advisory and technology firm serving Fortune 500 and Global 50 clients across eight US markets, and led a successful exit in 2022. Earlier he served as a top-performing General Manager at Capgemini and began his career in financial services and aviation. He serves on several boards and advises organizations at the intersection of leadership, governance, and AI transformation.

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## TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

- Wireless lavalier or handheld microphone
- Presentation screen with HDMI connection
- Clicker/presentation remote
- House audio for video playback
- High-speed internet (if applicable)
- Water on stage

## BOOKING & CONTACT

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### The Book

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