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Hal has had a long history with Davenport & Company beginning with his grandfather, whose investment portfolios were managed by Davenport. His father and uncle were also clients of Davenport, and this family tradition helped fuel Hal's interest in the investment business.

While attending college, Hal began serving in the Army National Guard and continued his military service two years after graduating from college. Hal's first job after college was an Assistant Physical Education Instructor at St. Christopher's School. He coached both football and baseball. A few years later, Hal was presented an attractive opportunity to join Financial Design Corporation—a Richmond based financial planning boutique; and shortly thereafter, he was recruited by Cecil Waller & Sterling to pursue his life goal to become a financial advisor. The firm was bought in 1986 by Advest—a Connecticut based investment firm. This change prompted Hal to join Davenport & Company.

In 1987 Hal began working with Registered Client Service Associate Linda Griffith, and for the next ten years they grew their financial practice. In 1996 they decided to join Legg Mason. Following the merger of Legg Mason with Smith Barney, Hal and Linda decided to move their successful practice to Davenport & Company in 2007. Linda retired from Davenport in November 2019.

Hal attended Virginia Tech and completed his education at Virginia Commonwealth University where he earned a BS in Psychology with a minor in History. Hal has a passion for music. Over the years, he has enjoyed playing the guitar in local bands and conducting solo performances at various Richmond area clubs and churches. As part of his church activities, Hal has participated in a number of international outreach ministry programs. While visiting Russia in 2004 on ministry trip, he adopted a young Russian girl who joined his family of four daughters and three sons. Hal and his wife, Josie, are active in the local Richmond church community. In his spare time, he enjoys playing tennis, reading, and working out at the YMCA.