

DON LOGAN, LAS VEGAS AVIATORS PRESIDENT/COO

Don Logan, President/COO, enters his 40th season with the Las Vegas professional baseball franchise. He possesses a vast background and knowledge of both the game of baseball and the Las Vegas sports scene, and has been a part of Las Vegas' two Pacific Coast League championship teams (1986, 1988).

A native of Tonopah, Nevada, Logan began his career with the franchise as an account executive in 1984 and quickly moved up the front-office ladder. He became ticket manager in 1985, and a year later was promoted to assistant general manager. He held that position for the next four seasons before taking over as general manager in 1991. On January 3, 2000, Logan added the title of president to his responsibilities as general manager and remained in that role until June 3, 2013, when he was named President/COO of Summerlin Las Vegas Baseball Club LLC.

During his tenure, Logan has earned respect not only as one of the most influential sports executives in Las Vegas, but in all of professional baseball. That respect has been recognized with countless honors, most notably as the first and only three-time winner of the Pacific Coast League's Executive of the Year award (1992, 1998, 2018). Logan is also a two-time recipient of the Larry McPhail Promotional Trophy (1991, 1997), and in December 2019, he was named *Baseball America* Minor League Executive of the Year. He has also served as the PCL's Vice President and on the Joint Minor League Baseball Marketing Committee. As a one-time chairman of the PCL's Executive Committee, Logan oversaw league operations and later served on the advisory board of PCL President Branch Rickey III. The Aviators franchise, on December 2, 2021, was the recipient of the *Baseball America* Triple-A Bob Freitas Award. The Freitas award is given annually to the organization of the year at each level of the Minor Leagues.

Under Logan's guidance and in partnership with the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority (LVCVA), the Las Vegas franchise has hosted dozens of Major League Baseball spring training games at Cashman Field and Las Vegas Ballpark. These "Big League Weekend" games have featured such Hall of Fame players as Las Vegas native Greg Maddux, Ken Griffey Jr. and the late Tony Gwynn, as well as perennial All-Stars Barry Bonds, Alex Rodriguez, Ichiro Suzuki, Sandy Alomar Jr. and Matt Kemp, to name a few. In part because of Big League Weekend's success, the Oakland A's elected to play their first six games of the 1996 season at Cashman Field, while their home stadium (the Oakland Alameda County Coliseum) was completing renovations.

Logan also was instrumental in bringing the Triple-A World Series to Cashman Field for three years (1998-2000), pitting the PCL champion against International League champion. Logan then worked with the MLB Players Association to host the "Big League Home Run Challenge" at Cashman Field. The nationally televised event (ESPN, ESPN2) took place each February from 2000-03.

Despite a busy schedule, Logan has found time to support many community projects, including serving on the Executive Committee of both the Las Vegas Bowl and Southern Nevada Sports Hall of Fame. Among the honors he's received for his community work include: the 2007 Chin's Humanitarian of the Year for the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Southern Nevada; 2010 ESPN Sportsman of the Year, benefitting The Caring Place, a local nonprofit dedicated to easing the journey of those affected by cancer; 2018 Nevada Broadcasters Association and Foundation Community Achievement Award; and 2018 Free Enterprise Award presented by the

Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce to those who personify the entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to free enterprise in Southern Nevada and across the entire state.

In conjunction with the Howard Hughes Corporation, Logan in October 2017 secured a naming-rights deal with the LVCVA for Las Vegas Ballpark, a new state-of-the-art Triple-A baseball stadium in Downtown Summerlin. After working for two decades to make the stadium a reality, Logan finally ushered in a new era for professional baseball in Southern Nevada when Las Vegas Ballpark broke ground February 23, 2018. The venue officially opened its doors April 9, 2019, welcoming a sellout crowd of 11,036, and the Aviators would go on to lead all of Minor League Baseball in attendance in 2019.

A 1981 graduate of Utah State and 2011 inductee into the Southern Nevada Sports Hall of Fame, Logan has been married to his wife, Jennifer, for 24 years. He has one daughter, Adrienne.