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**Christopher B. Leinberger**

Chris Leinberger is a land use strategist, proptech start-up co-founder, real estate developer, professor, researcher and author. He balances business realities with social and environmental issues. Mr. Leinberger has the following current connections:

* Co-founding Partner and Managing Director of **Places Platform, LLC**, a proptech start-up developing an AI-driven, big data platform encompassing 100% of the real estate in the U.S.
* Founding partner of [**Arcadia Land Company**](http://www.arcadialand.com/), a New Urbanism/transit-oriented development firm dedicated to land stewardship and building walkable communities, focused on the Philadelphia metropolitan area.

Leinberger established the real estate and research programs at [**George Washington University School of Business**](https://business.gwu.edu/) (2012-2020) and is now the Emeritus Charles Bendit Distinguished Scholar, Research Professor and Chair of the [Center for Real Estateand Urban Analysis](https://creua.business.gwu.edu/). He received the 2020 [Land Economics Society (LAI)](https://www.lai.org/richard-t-ely-distinguished-educator-award) Distinguished Educator Award. Leinberger also established the graduate real estate program at the [**University of Michigan**](https://taubmancollege.umich.edu/degrees-certificates/real-estate-development) (2005-2012).

For 21 years, Mr. Leinberger was Managing Director and co‐owner of [**RCLCo**](https://www.rclco.com/) (formerly Robert Charles Lesser & Co.), the largest independent real estate advisory firm in the country.

Mr. Leinberger was the founder and for eight years (2008-2016) the President of [**LOCUS; Responsible Real Estate Developers and Investors**](https://smartgrowthamerica.org/program/locus/)**,** part of [Smart Growth America](https://smartgrowthamerica.org/). He has been a Visiting and Nonresident Senior Fellow of the [Metropolitan Policy Program](https://www.brookings.edu/program/metropolitan-policy-program/) of **Brookings** **Institution** in Washington, DC (2005-2018).

Mr. Leinberger served on the boards of [**AvalonBay Communities**](https://www.avaloncommunities.com/), one of the country's most respected equity REITs (NYSE), and **AMRESCO Capital Trust** (NASDAQ real estate mortgage trust).

Mr. Leinberger has written two books and contributed chapters for 15 others. This includes [*The Option of Urbanism, Investing in a New American Dream*](https://islandpress.org/books/option-urbanism) (Island Press, 2008), which Planetizen, the urban planning and architecture web site, selected as one of the top 10 books of 2008. He has been an Op-Ed Contributor for the New York Times and has written articles for The Atlantic Monthly, Urban Land, Wall Street Journal, Chicago Tribune, Washington Monthly, Washington Post, Canada’s National Post, the Nation, and Los Angeles Times, among others.

Mr. Leinberger received a Bachelor of Arts degree from [**Swarthmore College**](https://www.swarthmore.edu/), where he double majored in Political Science and Urban Sociology, and received an MBA from the [**Harvard** **Business School**](https://www.hbs.edu/about/Pages/default.aspx), concentrating in corporate strategic planning.

Leinberger was voted one of the [“The 100 Most Influential Urbanists”](https://www.planetizen.com/features/95189-100-most-influential-urbanists) of all time in a poll conducted by Planetizen in 2017. He was the 2010 William H. Whyte Urbanism Award winner from Partners for Livable Places.