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John S. Griswold directs Commonfund's educational, market research and professional development activities as head of Commonfund Institute. John joined Commonfund as head of Client Services in 1992, and has led the Marketing Services group at the firm since 1998.

John initiated and has supervised the Commonfund Benchmarks Studies[®] of the performance of educational endowments, foundations, operating charities and healthcare institutions, which collectively survey the investment performance and practices of over 1400 nonprofit institutions annually. In addition, he supervises and speaks at Commonfund's annual Endowment Institute, Commonfund Forum, monthly Trustee Roundtables and nonprofit and investment industry conferences in the U.S., Europe and Canada. John has authored many articles and book chapters on endowment management, governance and the management of investment committees.

Prior to joining Commonfund in 1992, John spent seven years as a partner in an investment management firm, Jefferson Financial Group, where he helped develop and market hedge funds of funds. John is a member of numerous non-profit boards and investment committees, including the boards of trustees of The Boys and Girls Clubs of America, the Greenwich Roundtable, the Regional Plan Association of New York, and the Colony Foundation. He is a graduate of Yale University.