

## **Biography for WEBB BROWN**

A fifth-generation Montanan, Webb was raised on the family ranch in northwestern Montana near Trout Creek, where he now lives again. He and his wife Kathy also have a home in Helena, while daughter Nicole Brixey and her husband Bill live in Mesa, Arizona, with granddaughters Annie and Leah.



Webb attended elementary school in Trout Creek, then Noxon and Lima High Schools, graduating from the latter. Following one year at Carroll College in Helena and one year at Chaminade University in Honolulu, Hawaii, Webb earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of California at Riverside in 1983. During his college time, he also interned with the Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce and Montana's former US Senator Max Baucus in Washington, DC.

Webb worked on the ranch all his youth and lives on the place his grandfather willed him in Trout Creek. He and two brothers operated 2 B's Logging there from 1983-1991. During that time, he also helped organize and became Executive Director of the Sanders County Economic Development Corporation, based in Thompson Falls, and worked for Communities for a Great Northwest, based in Libby.

He became Executive Director of the Lewistown Area Chamber of Commerce in 1991, then Vice President of the Billings Area Chamber in 1995. In 1999, the Montana Chamber of Commerce hired him as President/CEO. His duties included serving as Executive Director of the Montana Chamber Foundation and the Montana Manufacturing Association. He retired from those positions Dec. 31, 2018. He and Kathy have formed their own consulting company, 2 Sams LLC.

As a volunteer, Webb has been active in the Trout Creek Community Improvement Association, Trout Creek-Noxon-Heron Community Ambulance Service, Clark Fork Valley Hospital Board of Directors, Lewistown Art Center Board of Directors, Montana Council on Economic Education, Montana Ambassadors, and advisory boards for the University of Montana.

In leadership roles, Webb is past Chair of the Montana Society of Association Executives and Russell Country Tourism Region. He is also past Chair of the Montana District Export Council, the Council of State Chambers of Commerce, and the Conference of State Manufacturers Associations. As part of the last position, he also served on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Manufacturers. Webb has been named "Export Advocate of the Year", "Manufacturing Advocate of the Year", and has received the "Legacy" award from the US Small Business Administration – Montana.