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Biography

Sam Cassidy has practiced and taught business law for 33 years. His entrepreneurial experience began when he started his own oil and gas company, which he operated for 26 years. He owned a title insurance company for ten years and a real estate development company for ten years. In his early 40's he was elected to the Colorado Senate where he rose to the position of Minority Leader after serving two years and was appointed Lt. Governor after four years. He was President and Chairman of the Economic Developers Council of Colorado and President and CEO of Jefferson Economic Council until hired as President and CEO of the State Chamber of Commerce in 1997. Board development (bringing CEO's back to the boards) was an important focus in both positions. In 2000 he began teaching full time for the Daniels College of Business, University of Denver. He was appointed to serve as the first Chairman of the Department of Business Ethics and Legal Studies, Daniels College of Business. During his tenure as Department Chair, the College, ranked in the top 50 business schools, was also ranked by the Wall Street Journal in the top five schools worldwide for Ethics education. Professor Cassidy designs and teaches courses in business leadership skills, ethics, and business law for undergraduate and MBA students. To foster a more relevant experience for students, he developed and manages a speakers series in partnership with the business community, bringing to Denver business leaders such as Jack Welch, Norm Augustine, and Charles Knight. He also serves as General Counsel and Board Chair of Zettalogica LLT.

EXECUTIVE EXPERIENCE

University of Denver, Department Chair 2003-2006

Sam Cassidy Inc. President 1977-2003

President and CEO - Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry (Colorado's state chamber of commerce), 1997 – 2000

Lieutenant Governor of Colorado 1994 - 1995; initiated and led efforts with Governor Romer to upgrade telecommunications infrastructure in Colorado. Served as Governor more than 60 days when Governor was out of the state.

Arbitrator for American Arbitration Association, 1995 - 1996

Senate Minority Leader of the Colorado Legislature, 1993 – 1994

President Economic Developers Council of Colorado 1997-1998

Owner of High Country Title Insurance Co. 1985- 1989
Owner of private law practice 1975- 1994

BOARD EXPERIENCE

Zettalogica LLC: Board chair of startup company in the computer hardware and software business.

Sam Cassidy, Inc.: President and chairman of the Board for 26 years. Oil and Gas exploration and production company operating in Kentucky and Ohio.

Cherry Hills III Property Owners Association: board member and Chair 2003-6

Daniels College of Business: Governing Board, 2003-6

Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry: Board member executive committee, 1997-2000

Economic Development Council of Colorado: board member, vice Chair and Chair from 1996-1999

Arts Communication Inc.: First Board Chair 1995-2000

Colorado Judicial Institute ADR Coalition, 1994 – 1999

High Country Title Insurance Company: Chairman of the board 1984-94

Commission on Indian Affairs: As Lt. Governor under state statute (24-44-104) served as Chairman during tenure as Lt. Governor.

Aerospace States Association: Board of Directors, 1994-1995. Promotes space exploration and education on a national level.

Jefferson Economic Council: Board of Directors (and President) 1996-97

Rocky Flats Local Impact Initiative: Board of Directors 1996-97

Executive Committee of Colorado General Assembly: 1992-94 (six legislators from the two houses comprise the governing board of the legislature.

Colorado Bar Association Board of Governors: 1992-94

San Juan Forum: Chairman of the Board, 1991-94

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District: Board Chair 1988-91

Leadership Jefferson County, Board of Directors, 1995 - 1997

Jefferson County School-to-Careers, Board of Directors, 1996 - 1997

Foothills Art Center, Board of Directors, 1997 – 1999

Colorado Mathematics & Science Education Coalition Board of Directors 1999- 2000

Board of Advisors **Colorado Student Association** 1998-2000

Vail Leadership Institute Advisory Board 2004- 6

American India Chamber of Commerce- Board of Directors 2005-present

Commission to Strengthen PERA, 2005

The West Chamber, Board of Directors, 1996 - 1997

Metro Denver Network, Board of Governors, 1996 – 2000

Engineering and Applied Science Advisory Board, University of Colorado, 1996 – 2000

See also board work under “Elected Public Offices”

ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICES

Lt. Governor of Colorado 1994-1995

State Senator, Colorado, 1991 – 1994 (6th District) representing Archuleta, LaPlata, Delta, Dolores, Montezuma, Montrose, Ouray, San Juan, and San Miguel counties

Minority Leader of the Colorado Senate 1993-1994

Legislative work included service on:

Executive Committee, 1993 - 1994; Legislative Council, 1993 -1994; Judiciary Committee, 1992 - 1993; Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, 1991 - 1992; Senate Services, 1992 – 1993; Highway Legislative Review Committee, 1991 - 1992; Natural Hazards Mitigation Council, 1993 - 1994; Board of Assessment Appeals Advisory Task Force, 1991 - 1992; National Conference of State Legislatures Task Force on State - Tribal Relations, 1991 - 1993; Western Legislative Conference of Council of State Governments, 1993 - 1994; Aerospace States Association, 1994-95; and American Legislative Exchange Council, 1993 – 1994.

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, 1975, University of Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma

BA, 1972, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma

Fellowship from the Gates Foundation to study at Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government, (Senior Executive Leadership)

Senior Fellow, University of Denver

Aspen Institute Executive Seminar

HONORS

Colorado Bankers Association: Outstanding Legislator Award for 1991

Outstanding Legislative Efforts Award from Colorado Counties, 1992, 1993

Gates Foundation Fellowship to Harvard University Kennedy School of Government, 1991

Geologic Heritage Award for Legislators, 1994

Legislator of the Year, American Civil Liberties Union, 1994

Guardian of Small Business Award from N.F.I.B., 1992 & 1994

Trailblazer of the Year, Colorado Rural Development Council, 1999

Honorary Proclamation from Governor Bill Owens making May 24, 2000 as a day of recognition for Sam Cassidy and his contributions “to enrich Colorado’s business environment”

Diamond Award for Teaching Excellence from Daniel’s School of Business, University of Denver, Fall 1999, Fall 2000, Winter 2000, Winter 2001, Winter 2002 (award discontinued)

Colorado Private School Association, Student of the Year , 1994

Colorado Community College and Occupational Education System Appreciation Award
1994

Honorary Kentucky Colonel, 1999

Denver Business Journal top 100 Business Leaders, 1999, 2003, 2004

John D. Hershner Free Enterprise Award from Daniels College of Business 2005

