

James C. Smith

Chairman

- Smith's contributions to Webster and the banking industry have been profound and noteworthy. In his 44 years as a Webster banker, including more than three decades of service as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), he has led Webster to be recognized as a leading mid-size bank in the country.
- Smith joined Webster Bank in 1975 and was elected President, Chief Operating Officer and a Director of Webster Bank in 1982. He was promoted to CEO in 1987 upon the retirement of Webster's founder (and Smith's father) Harold Webster Smith, and was elected Chairman in 1995.
- In 2018, Smith retired as CEO and became non-executive Chairman of the Bank.
- Webster's Board of Directors has elected Director, President and CEO John R. Ciulla to succeed Smith as Chairman upon Smith's retirement from the Board at Webster's Annual Meeting.
- Smith, 71, has served in many distinguished national and regional roles in the banking industry, including:
 - Member of the Board of Directors for the American Bankers Association (ABA)
 - Co-Chairman of the ABA's American Bankers Council for mid-size banks
 - Member of the Board of Directors of the Financial Services Roundtable
 - Member of the Federal Reserve System's Federal Advisory Council, representing the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston
 - Founding member and Vice-Chairman of the Mid-Size Banks Coalition of America
 - Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston
 - Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston
 - Member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Connecticut Bankers Association
- Smith has also served on many regional and local boards, including Saint Mary's Health System, United Ways, Chambers of Commerce, and MacDermid, Inc. In 2017-2018, Smith co-chaired the Connecticut Governor's Commission on Fiscal Stability and Economic Growth.
- In addition, Smith holds leadership positions with many civic and business organizations, including:
 - Co-Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Economic Resource Center (CERC)
 - General Chairman of the Hartford Bishops' Foundation (affiliated with Archdiocese of Hartford)
 - Vice Chairman of Trinity Health of New England Board of Directors
 - Chairman of the Harold Webster Smith Foundation