

James C. Smith



Jim Smith is chairman and chief executive officer (CEO) of Webster Financial Corporation (NYSE: WBS) and Webster Bank. He joined Webster in 1975 and was appointed CEO of the bank and the holding company in 1987 and chairman in 1995. He was elected president, chief operating officer and a director of Webster Bank in 1982 and of the holding company at its inception in 1986. He served as president of Webster and Webster Bank until 2000, and again from 2008 through 2011.

In September 2017, after a distinguished 42-year career at the Company, Jim announced his retirement from Webster. Jim will be succeeded by current president, John Ciulla, on January 1, 2018, at which time Jim will become non-executive chairman of the Board of Directors.

Jim serves as vice chairman of the Midsize Banks Coalition of America. He is a past member of the Board of Directors of the American Bankers Association and served several years as co-chairman of the ABA's American Bankers Council for midsize banks. He is a past member of the Board of Directors of the Financial Services Roundtable. Jim served as a member of the Federal Advisory Council, which advises the deliberations of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, and served on the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. He served on the Board of Directors of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston. He served on the executive committee of the Connecticut Bankers Association. He served as a director of MacDermid, Inc., (NYSE:MRD) from 1994 until its acquisition in June 2007.

Jim is actively engaged in community service and supports numerous civic organizations including serving as general chairman of the Hartford Bishops' Foundation; serving on the Trinity Health-New England Strategic Planning Committee; and serving until very recently as a member of Saint Mary's Health System board in Waterbury, Connecticut. He earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from Dartmouth College.

