

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA ON
JOHN W. BASSETT

John W. Bassett, also known as John W. Bassett, Jr., was born in Roswell, New Mexico on March 21, 1938. During his career at Roswell High School he served as student body president, was captain of the school's New Mexico championship football team in 1955 and was named as an All-State linebacker in New Mexico high schools. After graduating from Roswell High School in 1956, he attended Stanford University, from which he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1960. He was a Distinguished Military Graduate. He then entered active duty in the U.S. Army Infantry at Fort Benning, Georgia, and attained the rank of First Lieutenant with airborne rating.

Mr. Bassett graduated with honors from the University of Texas School of Law in June of 1964, having been named to the Order of Coif and having served as an associate editor of the TEXAS LAW REVIEW. After passing the Texas and New Mexico Bar examinations in 1964, he joined the law firm of Atwood & Malone in Roswell. While practicing law there in May of 1966 Mr. Bassett earned his private pilot's license.

That same year Mr. Bassett was selected as a White House Fellow and served one year in Washington, D.C. as a special assistant to the Attorney General of the United States. He then returned to the practice law with the firm of Atwood, Malone, Mann & Turner, P.A., of which he was a shareholder-partner from 1967-1995. In October, 1995, he and attorney Brian Copple formed the law firm of Bassett & Copple, LLP and practiced law with that firm until 2009, after which Mr. Bassett returned to the Atwood firm "Of Counsel." Mr. Bassett is a member of the American, New Mexico, Texas and Chaves County Bar Associations and Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity.

In 1987, Governor Carruthers appointed Mr. Bassett to be a member of the State Board of Education of New Mexico and he served a four year term in that capacity.

Beginning in 1993 Mr. Bassett has served as a director of the AMMA Foundation, Inc., a Delaware non-profit corporation, the principle activity of which is to support the University of the Americas in Puebla, Mexico. He served as a member of the Board of Directors of New Mexico Business Roundtable for Educational Excellence and Roswell Education Achievement Foundation, Inc., of which he was a founder. Mr. Bassett was also a member of The New Mexico Amigos, a non-profit corporation officially designated as the Goodwill Ambassadors for that state.

Mr. Bassett served as a member of the Board of Directors of Sunwest Bank (now Bank of America) of Roswell, New Mexico from 1977 until September of 1985, and as Chairman for the years 1984-1985. From 1977 until his retirement in 2003 he served as a member of the Board of Directors of Belo Corporation (NYSE), a large media concern which owned and operated four major city newspapers throughout the country, including the Dallas Morning News, and nineteen network affiliated television stations in large cities from Seattle to Providence.

Mr. Bassett has served on the boards of directors of many charitable and civic organizations. He also served as a layreader and member of the board of directors of the St.

Andrews Episcopal Church Foundation and the vestry of St. Andrews Episcopal Church. In the year 2016 Mr. Bassett was named Roswell's "Citizen of the Year".

Mr. Bassett was married to Patricia Lubben Bassett of Dallas, Texas from May 22, 1965, until Patricia's death on April 22, 1995. He married his present lovely wife, Nolana Knight Bassett, on May 2, 1998. He has three adult children, John W. Bassett, III ("Tripp") of Austin, Texas, Loren Patricia Bassett of Dallas, Texas, and Amber Knight Smith of Prosper, Texas.