



Thomas D. Bell, Jr.
Chairman of Mesa Capital Partners, LLC

Tom Bell became chair of Mesa Capital Partners in May 2011. Prior to Mesa Capital Partners, Bell served as chair and CEO of Cousins Properties. He was named vice chair and chair of the Executive Committee of Cousins Properties in January 2001, president and CEO in January 2002, and chair of the board in December 2006. Bell retired as chair and CEO in July 2009.

Prior to his years at Cousins Properties, Bell spent 10 years at Young & Rubicam Inc., a global advertising and marketing communications firm, retiring as chair and CEO when it merged with WPP. Before becoming chair of Young & Rubicam Inc., he served as chair and CEO of Young & Rubicam Advertising and as CEO of Burson-Marsteller and Young & Rubicam's Diversified Communications Group.

During his career, Bell has served as a member of the Board of Directors of 14 NYSE companies. He presently serves on the boards of Southern Company Gas, Norfolk Southern Corporation, and Skyland Trail, and is trustee emeritus of Emory University.

During the Reagan administration, Bell chaired the Committee on the Next Agenda, which focused on prioritizing issues for President Reagan's second term. He also chaired the Workforce 2000 Advisory Committee for the U.S. Secretary of Labor. Early in his career, Bell served as chief of staff for former U.S. Senator William Brock (R-Tenn).

Throughout his 50-year career, Mr. Bell has held other senior positions in business and government, including vice chair of Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation, executive vice president of Ball Corporation, president and CEO of the Hudson Institute, the 2010-2011 chair of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and chair of the board for the Center for Naval Analysis.