

# **Elliott G. Smith**

## *biography*

Elliott Smith became the third Executive Director of the Iowa Business Council on September 26, 2005. He assists the CEOs and Presidents that constitute Council membership in identifying significant business policy and economic development issues, evaluating possible courses of action, and focusing the personal commitment of these executives in active statewide leadership roles to enhance the economic vitality of Iowa.

Elliott received a business degree from the University of Iowa and earned his Juris Doctor from Vermont Law School. He served as a law clerk for the Honorable Donald P. Lay, Chief Judge of the U.S. Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Paul before moving to Chicago to work as an associate attorney for two civil law firms. Elliott then returned to Iowa as the legislative liaison and a policy planner for the Iowa Department of Economic Development. From there he held positions as Vice President of Government Relations at the Iowa Association of Business and Industry, President of the Iowa Taxpayers Association and, immediately preceding his arrival at the Council, served 3 ½ years as a member of the Iowa Utilities Board following an appointment to the Board by then-Governor Tom Vilsack.

Elliott is a native of Iowa City. He and his wife, Kay, live in Des Moines with their son and daughter.