



**Richard A. Stoff**  
President and CEO  
Ohio Business Roundtable  
Chairman of the BRIGHT Board of Directors

Richard Stoff is the founding president and CEO of the Ohio Business Roundtable (BRT), a partnership of the chief executive officers of Ohio's largest and most influential businesses. Established in 1992, the Roundtable's mission is to apply the knowledge, experience, and insight of its members to solve Ohio's most complex, long-term public policy challenges. Highly selective in the issues it addresses, the Roundtable works only in areas in which their business experience can make a significant difference in effecting real systems change. As Roundtable President, Mr. Stoff has served hundreds of top corporate executives, in bipartisan collaboration with four governors and numerous legislative leaders and policymakers, to foster innovation, improve competitiveness and stimulate economic growth in the state of Ohio.

Prior to founding the Roundtable, Mr. Stoff served 18 years in management consulting with two of the world's largest professional service firms. He was elected as a Partner with Ernst & Young, directing the Firm's public sector practice in Ohio and before that he served as a Senior Consultant with Touche Ross & Co. (now Deloitte & Touche), working with a range of clients in real estate, banking, and health care, in addition to serving as a lead consultant in the firm's landmark engagement to design and install a new integrated financial management system for the City of New York during the City's period of default and financial recovery in the late 70s. While with the firm, Mr. Stoff also specialized in financial feasibility studies for new and expanded professional sports and entertainment facilities.

Mr. Stoff has a long history of civic engagement having served on the boards of trustees of the National Assault Prevention Center, Prevent Blindness Ohio, and as both a board member and treasurer of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Columbus. He currently serves on the boards of trustees of Jobs for America's Graduates and also Battelle for Kids, which he and the Ohio Business Roundtable created in 2002. He is also Vice Chairman of Operation Respect/Don't Laugh at Me (chaired by folk singer Peter Yarrow of Peter, Paul and Mary), in addition to his serving as the Founding Chairman of the Board of Friends of the Drexel Theatre. Mr. Stoff was recently appointed by Ohio Governor John Kasich to the Governor's Executive Workforce Board. He is the founder, creator and Chairman of the Board of BRIGHT New Leaders for Ohio Schools.

A native New Yorker, Mr. Stoff earned his BA in Political Science, with honor, in 1972 from Northeastern University and his MPA in 1975 from The Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University, where he concentrated in public finance. His wife of 35 years, Carol Zelizer Stoff, is a practicing attorney and received her BS, MPA and JD degrees, all from The Ohio State University. The Stoff's reside in Bexley and are the proud parents of Jenni. Together, Jenni and her husband Sumit received their MPP degrees from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, and today they carry on the family tradition of public service while living in Jerusalem.