



**Biography of
Richard K. Studley
President & CEO**

Rich Studley is President & Chief Executive Officer of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce. He joined the staff of the Michigan Chamber in 1981 as Manager of Taxation and Labor Relations. He served as Senior Vice President of Government Relations from 1997 to 2004 and as Executive Vice President from 2005-2008. He became President and Chief Executive Officer of the Chamber in July 2008.

In June 2009, the Michigan Chamber and Rich Studley were named Lansing's most effective organization and single issue lobbyist, according to a survey of 300 Lansing insiders conducted by the *Michigan Information and Research Service (MIRS)*. In January 2006, *Inside Michigan Politics* announced the results of a comprehensive survey of capitol opinion leaders, which found that the State Chamber again finished first in the race for "most effective lobbying organization."

Prior to joining the Chamber, Rich was program director for the Michigan Senate Republican Office from 1979 to 1981. Earlier, he was City Manager for the City of Clare, Michigan. Born in Pontiac, Illinois in 1951, Rich grew up in Kalamazoo and graduated from Portage Central High School in 1970. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Alma College in 1974. In May 1993, he received a Master of Science in Administration degree from Central Michigan University.

Rich is a member of the Council of State Chambers; Michigan Society of Association Executives; a graduate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Organizational Management; and in 1995 completed the American Chamber of Commerce Executives' Leadership Development Program at the Center for Creative Leadership in Greensboro, North Carolina. In March 2008, Rich was appointed by Governor Granholm, with the advice and consent of the Michigan Senate, to a 13-member non-partisan task force that spent nine months conducting a comprehensive review of transportation needs and funding alternatives. Rich served as co-chair of the Transportation Task Force and the group submitted its report to the legislature and administration in November 2008. The state House and Michigan Senate are currently considering the transportation task force recommendations. In August 2008, Rich became a member of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Committee of 100. This committee is made up of the country's leading state and local chamber executives and advises the U.S. Chamber on policy, programs and activities relating to the chamber federation.

In June 2007, the Michigan Chamber earned Accreditation with Distinction from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. This recognition is shared by only two state chambers. The Michigan Chamber's mission is to promote conditions favorable to job creation and business growth in Michigan.

Rich has three children and lives in Grand Ledge with his wife Lori. When he is not working, he enjoys golf, reading, boating, fishing, and spending time with his family.