



## **Robert C. Smith: Professional BIO**

Bob is a Partner and Market Leader in the Cleveland office and the firm's Ohio Market Leader. He serves on the firm's National Partner Development Committee and Leadership Team. Bob has more than forty years of experience in investing, finance, accounting, and business management.

Bob joined Cerity Partners in October 2016 when Cerity Partners merged with Spero-Smith Investment Advisers. Previously, Bob was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Spero-Smith. Bob joined in 1993 as President, Chief Investment Officer, and co-owner with Founder, Karen Spero.

He received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Accounting) degree from Ohio Northern University and holds a Masters of Business Administration (Finance) from Duquesne University. ONU has awarded him an Honorary Doctorate of Business Administration for his six years of service as Chair of the Board of Trustees as well as many other civic leadership roles.

Bob is deeply committed to civic engagement and has received numerous awards and recognition for his leadership. He was appointed to Chair the JobsOhio Board by Ohio Governor Mike DeWine as well as the Broadcast Media Commission. He has been inducted in the Ohio Foundation for Independent Colleges' Hall of Excellence as well as the Association of Ohio Commodores. He has served in leadership roles on numerous boards and investment committees of corporations and non-profit organizations including Encova Insurance, Ohio Northern University, University Hospitals of Cleveland, ideastream, the Greater Cleveland Partnership, Team NEO and Crime-stoppers. Several elected officials have also appointed him to boards of public entities, including the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, the Ohio Oil & Gas Commission, the Port of Cleveland and Tri C's Board of Visitors.