



❖ JAMES R. (JIM) BROWN – Partner/Senior Advisor

Biographical Information

- James R. (Jim) Brown began an over fifty-year career in education as a teacher and coach at LaSalle High School in Pasadena. He went on to serve as superintendent of schools for the Glendale, Palo Alto and Lompoc Unified School Districts. He was also superintendent of the Cambria Union Elementary and Coast Union High School Districts. He has been an Administrator of Instruction K-8, a middle school principal, high school assistant principal and teacher.
- Mr. Brown received his masters degree from the University of Kansas and his B.S.F.S. degree from Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. He did additional graduate work in the doctoral program at the University of California, Riverside.
- Mr. Brown chaired the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Superintendency Committee and ACSA's Urban Superintendents' Committee. He served as co-chair of the California State Mathematics Task Force and the High School Exit Exam Panel. Mr. Brown was also a member of the It's Elementary Task Force.
- In 1999-2000, Mr. Brown was named California Superintendent of the Year by the Association of California School Administrators and in 1993 received the Robert Alioto Instructional Leadership Award from the California School Leadership Academy. He was also President of the national Suburban School Superintendents' Association and Schools for Sound Finance. He was given the Golden Oak Award in 2003 from the California PTA, the Tall Tree Award for Outstanding Professional in 1996 by the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce, and received the Marcus Foster Award for Administrative Excellence from the Association of California School Administrators in 2004.
- Mr. Brown has experience conducting executive searches since 2004, and has been involved in more than 60 executive searches since that time.
- From 2005-2015, Mr. Brown served as senior advisor for Pivot Learning Partners. His areas of focus were: Teacher and Principal Effectiveness, Governance, the Strategic School Funding for Results Project, Executive Coaching, Strategic Planning, and documentation of education innovations.
- Mr. Brown served on the Advisory Board for Glendale Memorial Hospital. He served as chair for the American Leadership Forum's National Board and was a member of the Southern California Leadership Network. He has also served in leadership roles on numerous community and civic groups.
- Mr. Brown, and his wife, Kathy, who is a retired librarian, have three grown sons.