

Richard C. Adkerson Biography

Richard Adkerson is Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Freeport-McMoRan Inc. He graduated from Mississippi State University with a B.S. degree in Accounting with highest honors and an M.B.A. degree. In 2010, he received an Honorary Doctor of Science degree from Mississippi State. He also completed the Advanced Management Program of the Harvard Business School in 1988. Prior to joining Freeport-McMoRan in 1989, he was Partner and Managing Director in Arthur Andersen & Co. where he headed the firm's Worldwide Oil and Gas Industry Practice. From 1976-78, he was a Professional Accounting Fellow with the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Adkerson currently serves as Chair of the International Council on Mining and Metals. He has been a member since 2005 and previously served as Chair from 2008-2011. He is a member of The Business Council, Business Roundtable, Council on Foreign Relations and serves as Chairman of the Advisory Council of the Kissinger Institute on China and the United States. He also serves on Greater Phoenix Leadership and the Dean's Council of 100 for Arizona State University W. P. Carey School of Business.

He serves as Chairman Emeritus on the Board of Trustees of the National WWII Museum and as a member of the Board of Visitors of the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, and was Campaign Chair of the Banner MD Anderson Cancer Center *Cancer Has Met Its Match Campaign* in Phoenix. He recently served as Honorary Chair of the Phoenix Zoo's *Join the Journey - Share our Pride Campaign*. He is a member and past President of the Mississippi State University Foundation Board of Directors and serves on the Executive Advisory Board for the College of Business.

He was inducted into the American Mining Hall of Fame in 2010, received The American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers Charles F. Rand Memorial Award in 2011 and was named Copper Man of the Year 2009 by The Copper Club. In 2011, he was named Executive of the Year by the W. P. Carey School of Business Dean's Council at Arizona State University and National Alumnus of the Year of Mississippi State University. In 2018, he was the recipient of the College Success Arizona Leaders and Legends Award and in 2019 he received the John S. McCain Leadership Award from the Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGen), a leader in genetic research in Phoenix. For ten years, Mr. Adkerson was named The Best CEO in Metals and Mining by *Institutional Investor* magazine.