



Deborah A. Bricker

Biography

Ms. Bricker was the founder of Bricker & Associates, Inc., an operations improvement consulting firm with offices in Chicago and Boston. Bricker & Associates specialized in assisting Fortune 500 organizations with maximizing their strategic use of business processes, information technology, and organization design to increase revenue, reduce operating costs, and dramatically improve profits. Ms. Bricker is the creator of *The Bricker Method*, a unique, proven approach to planning, implementing, and sustaining operations improvements.

After building Bricker & Associates for 20 years, Ms. Bricker sold the consulting firm to Keane, Inc., a \$1-billion-a-year information technology services company for \$110 million in June 1998. After completing the merger integration with Keane, Ms. Bricker resigned to pursue other business and community service interests. Currently, Ms. Bricker is providing counsel to businesses regarding their growth strategies. Additionally, Ms. Bricker has created a curriculum in leadership for high school students and is piloting this curriculum at Walter Payton College Preparatory High School.

Prior to starting Bricker & Associates, Inc., Ms. Bricker was with Peat Marwick & Mitchell where she was responsible for helping develop the firm's Chicago middle-market business systems consulting practice. Prior to Peat Marwick & Mitchell, Ms. Bricker was a marketing representative for the IBM Corporation.

Ms. Bricker is a former member of the Board of Directors of May & Speh, an IT outsourcing and direct marketing information services company. She actively participated in May & Speh's Initial Public Offering, Secondary Offering, and the acquisition of the company by Acxiom Corporation. Ms. Bricker currently serves on the Board of Directors of Forsythe Technology and Huron Consulting Group.

Ms. Bricker is the Immediate Past Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Goodman Theatre. She also serves on the boards of Hubbard Street Dance Company, The Chicago Public Library Foundation, The University of Chicago Hospitals & Health System and the Chicago Public Education Fund. She is also a member of the Chicago Network. In the past, Ms. Bricker has also served on the boards of the Arts and Business Council, Wayland Academy, Gateway Foundation, Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago, Prentice Women's Hospital, Opportunity International and Marwen.

Ms. Bricker has been included in Crain's Chicago Business's Annual Who's Who in Chicago Business since 1998. In 2002, Ms. Bricker was the keynote speaker for Crain's Annual Entrepreneur's Luncheon. In April of 1999, Ms. Bricker was honored by the National Association of Women Business Owners with a special citation, "The Fine Art of Giving Back". In March of 2000, Ms. Bricker was awarded the "Woman of Achievement Award" by the Anti-Defamation League. The Chicago Sun-Times recognized Ms. Bricker as one of the 100 Most Powerful Female Leaders in Chicago in their 2004 feature series.

Ms. Bricker resides in Chicago and is the mother of an 18-year-old daughter who is a graduate of the Latin School of Chicago and is currently a freshman at Emory University in Atlanta.