



## “HOW POLITICS REALLY WORKS: AN INSIDER’S VIEW” PANELIST BIOGRAPHY

### Brian Kolb



Assemblyman Minority Leader Brian M. Kolb represents the Finger Lakes Region’s 131st Assembly District in the New York State Legislature in Albany.

First elected to the Assembly in February of 2000 Leader Kolb was unanimously selected by his peers in April 2009 to serve as Minority Leader. Leader Kolb heads the Assembly Minority conference on statewide public policies and legislative priorities. He is the only legislative leader who lives in Upstate New York and who has successfully run private-sector companies. He was co-founder of North American Filter Corporation, as well as the former president/COO of Refractron Technologies Corp.

Leader Kolb has been selected six times for the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) “Guardian of Small Business Award,” has been named part of the “Annual Circle of Friends” by the New York Farm Bureau since being elected in 2000 and in 2012, and received a pro-jobs rating of ‘92’ from the Business Council of New York State, Inc.

Leader Kolb has demonstrated a strong commitment to education throughout both his personal life and his professional career. He served as an Adjunct Professor of Adult and Graduate Education at Roberts Wesleyan College, where his students twice selected him Outstanding Faculty Member. He is a former Chairman of the Finger Lakes Community College Foundation and is a former member of the Honeoye Central School Board and the Finger Lakes Community College Board of Trustees. He earned high honors while completing his Master of Science and Bachelor of Science Degrees at Roberts Wesleyan College and also holds an Associate of Arts Degree from Finger Lakes Community College (FLCC). He is a recipient of the 2003 Foundation Award and 2012 Distinguished Alumni Award from FLCC.

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