

## **Tony Jones**

Columbia Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors

Tony Jones was re-elected to the Columbia Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors on February 25, 2014, having previously served on the board from 1997-2006.

Tony Jones is the President of Roe Jan Publishing Co., Inc., which provides editorial and publication services for businesses, organizations and individuals. Tony and his late wife Victoria Simons were the former owners of the Independent Newspaper, which for a number of years was the official newspaper-of-record for every town, village and school district in Columbia County. Later, they added The Paper, an arts and entertainment publication, as well as two Antique papers covering the Hudson Valley and western CT/MA.

Before buying The Independent Newspaper, Jones was as an editor at Harper's Magazine and the reinventor of Harper's Weekly. A graduate of Yale, Jones later was editor of the Yale Alumni Magazine when it won an award as the best alumni magazine in the country.

Jones was a bank director for 20 years, first with Hudson City Savings, then Hudson River Bank & Trust, then First Niagara Financial Group where he served as chair of the Corporate Governance & Nominating Committee until retiring from the board in 2013.

Tony Jones has been active in the community for years, having served in leadership capacities on numerous boards and committees. Currently, he is a member of the Hudson River Bank & Trust Foundation Board of Trustees and the Hudson Downtown Revitalization Initiative Local Planning Committee.