

James Strock Bio

Writer & Speaker—21st Century Leadership

James Strock is a recognized authority and renowned speaker on leadership. The leadership principles shared are applicable in any setting—corporate, entrepreneurial, not-for-profit, government and military—and across all functions.

His newest book is *Serve to Lead: Your Transformational 21st Century Leadership System*. It has been praised as “the essential guidebook for 21st-century leadership.”

Mr. Strock is also the author of *Theodore Roosevelt on Leadership* and *Reagan on Leadership*. Each is widely used in business and not-for profit organizations, educational institutions, government agencies and the military. He is also a contributor to the *Encyclopedia of Leadership* (Goethals and Sorenson, eds.), writing the articles on Winston S. Churchill, Ronald Reagan and Theodore Roosevelt.

Mr. Strock has appeared in a variety of national media, including the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Los Angeles Times*, *USA Today*, *Business Week*, *Forbes*, and *Investors' Business Daily*. He has spoken on national and international network, cable, and local television and radio programs.

Mr. Strock's consulting business includes companies in various sectors, as well as government agencies, NGOs and the military. He has also served on corporate and not-for-profit boards of directors.

He also has extensive experience at the highest levels of government. From 1991-97 Mr. Strock served in Governor Pete Wilson's cabinet as California's founding Secretary for Environmental Protection. Following confirmation by the state senate, he led the Cal/EPA, an agency whose regulations and policies have global environmental and economic impacts.

In 1989, President George H.W. Bush appointed, and the U.S. Senate confirmed Mr. Strock to serve as Assistant Administrator for Enforcement (chief law enforcement officer) of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He led a major expansion and reorganization of the national program, while driving civil and criminal enforcement to record levels.

Mr. Strock is listed in *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in the World*, and *Who's Who in Finance and Business*. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Authors Guild.

Mr. Strock served as general counsel and acting director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (the federal government's human resources agency), member of the California State Personnel Board, and counsel to the U.S. Senate Environment & Public Works Committee.

Mr. Strock was educated at public and private schools in Austin, Texas, and New Orleans, Louisiana, and at Harvard College (*Phi Beta Kappa*) and Harvard Law School. He was a teaching fellow in the Department of Government for Professor Richard Neustadt, and studied literature for a year at New College, Oxford, on a Rotary Scholarship. He served to captain in the USAR-JAGC.

He has extensive experience as a negotiator, facilitator and mediator. He received training from the Harvard Negotiation Project, the American Arbitration Association and other professional groups, and has served on the neutrals rosters of state and federal courts.

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