



2017 RECIPIENT: SCOTT BLACKMUN

Scott Blackmun became chief executive officer of the United States Olympic

Committee in January 2010. He is an ex-officio member of the USOC's board of directors, and has served on the International Olympic Committee Marketing Commission since March 2011 and Olympic Program Commission since May 2015. In addition, he has been a member of the International Council of Arbitration for Sport since January 2015.

Under Blackmun's direction, Team USA topped the overall medal counts at the 2010, 2012 and 2016 Olympic Games, and won the most medals at any Olympic Winter Games held outside North America in 2014. The USOC nearly doubled net philanthropic support in 2009-12 from the previous quad and launched the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Foundation, which in between 2013-16 helped generate more than \$8.4 million in direct support to Team USA athletes. Blackmun also led the organization in negotiating a revenue-sharing agreement with the IOC, and extending NBC's broadcast agreement through 2032. In 2012, the USOC was named Sports League of the year and Blackmun was named Sports Executive of the Year by *SportsBusiness Journal*.

Blackmun had a previous stint at the USOC, serving as acting chief executive officer (2001), senior managing

director of sport (2000) and general counsel (1999). Following his departure in 2001, Blackmun became the chief operating officer of Anschutz Entertainment Group from 2002-06.

Having spent more than 20 years practicing law in Colorado, Blackmun was a partner in two large international firms. His practice focused on sports and entertainment, with an emphasis on project finance for sports and entertainment venues. He started his career in 1982 with Holme Roberts & Owen and became a partner of the firm in 1988. He served on the firm's executive committee from 2007-09. He was a partner at Hogan & Hartson, and managing partner of the firm's Colorado Springs office from 1994 until he joined the USOC in 1999.

Blackmun has been recognized in *Around the Rings' Golden 25*, a list of the most influential people in the Olympic Movement. He was also twice named one of *SportsBusiness Journal's* 50 Most Influential People in Sports Business, and has made the top-50 list of *Sport Intern*.

Blackmun graduated summa cum laude in 1979 from Dartmouth College, where he received his bachelor's degree in philosophy and was a member of the varsity soccer team for four years. He received a law degree from Stanford Law School in 1982.

Blackmun and his wife, Ann, live in Colorado Springs and have three children.