

2007 DirectWomen Institute Honoree

# Barbara M. Barrett

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**“Young people should recognize that early adversity does not mean defeat. Instead, early adversity teaches skills of overcoming roadblocks later in life.”**

— Barbara M. Barrett

**B**arbara M. Barrett is an international business and aviation attorney. She is CEO of Triple Creek Ranch in Montana and serves on the boards of Raytheon, Exponent and Aerospace Corporations and the Mayo Clinic. She was Vice Chairman of the United States Civil Aeronautics Board, first woman Deputy Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), CEO of the American Management Association, founding Chairman of the Board of Valley Bank of Arizona and was or is a corporate board member of an airline, a hospital system, a consumer products company and two aircraft manufacturers.

Mrs. Barrett is a member of the U.S. Afghan Women’s Council and the Smithsonian Institution’s National Board. She recently was Chairman of the Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy and

Senior Adviser to the United States for the 61st Session of the United Nations General Assembly. Earlier she was Chairman of the Board of Thunderbird School of Global Management, President of the International Women’s Forum and Chairman of Arizona’s District Export Council and World Affairs Council. She served on the President’s Advisory Committee on Trade Negotiations and was a Fellow at Harvard, where she now serves on the Senior Advisory Board of the Institute of Politics. She served in leadership roles in Freedom House, the National Association of Corporate Directors and the Global Center for Dispute Resolution Research. As a civilian she serves on the Defense Business Board.

After the fall of the Berlin Wall, Mrs. Barrett worked with the American Bar

Association to offer guidance to the Russian Government in establishing private enterprise systems in the former Soviet Union. Under a Harvard/Oxford program, she lectured at the Moscow School of Political Studies. At the request of the Chinese Government, Mrs. Barrett led a delegation of leading women from around the world to China.

Mrs. Barrett holds honorary degrees from Arizona State University, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and Thunderbird School of Global Management. An instrument rated pilot, Mrs. Barrett was the first American civilian woman to land in an F/A-18 Hornet on an aircraft carrier. Mrs. Barrett has been a frequent speaker on the topics of business ethics, trade policy, aviation, corporate governance, aviation and leadership.