



Tom Paterson

Tom Paterson is the President-Elect of the New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association. Tom and his family founded, own and operate the Spur Ranch Cattle Company in Apache and Greenlee Counties, Arizona and in Catron County, New Mexico. Tom is a long-time member of the Arizona Cattle Growers' Association and the Greenlee County Cattle Growers' Association. For many years, he has served as the New Mexico Cattle Growers' Wildlife Committee Chairman and is the livestock producer representative to the County Livestock Loss Authority, which compensates New Mexico livestock producers for damages from Mexican wolves. Tom is originally from Clifton, Arizona, he was graduated from Silver High School in Silver City, received a B.S. from Texas A&M University and an M.A., J.D. and Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin. He clerked on the United States Court of Appeals for the Honorable Thomas Gibbs Gee. Afterwards, he joined Susman Godfrey, LLP, where he was a natural resources trial lawyer for close to 40 years practicing complex commercial litigation. He and his wife, Callie, have two adult daughters, both of whom are actively involved in helping manage the ranch.