



Sydney Hay
President, AMIGOS
Mining Advocate and Supporter
2021 Medal of Merit Recipient

Sydney Hay is a champion for the mining industry -- a wealth creation engine for Arizona. An Arizona resident since 1979, Sydney was born and raised in a small town in Colorado. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from Kansas Newman College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. She spent the next several years teaching elementary and high school students, both in Kansas and in Arizona.

In the 1980's Hay was inspired to become involved in public policy and has been a tireless fighter for the citizens of Arizona ever since. She became a skilled political organizer and an association management executive and established her own firm, Southwest Policy Group, in 1990.

She has served for the past 27 years as President of AMIGOS (Arizona Mining and Industry Get Our Support), a trade association of small to mid-size businesses with members in over 20 states that supply Arizona's vital copper mining industry. This well-known and effective group makes mining industry views known to legislators and other government entities and keeps Arizona suppliers in the political process by using their collective clout to provide a pro-business, pro-mining point of view. Sydney leads the way in standing up for issues important to mining.

From 2005 to 2010 she was President of the Arizona Mining Association. She served a 5 year term on the Board of Governors of the Arizona Department of Mines and Mineral Resources including a stint as Chairman of the Board.

Politics is also in her blood. She has advised political candidates for local, state and national office. She was the Republican nominee for Congress from Congressional District 1 of Arizona in 2008. The Arizona Daily Sun described Sydney Hay as like "Martha Stewart with high-powered weapons."

Sydney lives with her husband Dan, a dog, two goats and is a proud horse owner.