

BOB STEWART

Bob Stewart served as Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Travel from 1992 until September, 2003. This position culminated a 30-year career in Kentucky state government which included working on the staffs of four governors: He served as an assistant to Governors Wendell Ford, Julian Carroll, Martha Layne Collins, and Brereton Jones.

His work included a variety of positions that involved communications, public relations, the arts, and state marketing promotions, both domestically and internationally. A native of Frankfort, Stewart is a graduate of Centre College in Danville, Ky.

Stewart was the deputy commissioner of the Department of the Arts from 1983-85 and also served as the executive director of the Kentucky Bicentennial Commission in 1989.

As the commissioner of the Department of Travel, Stewart was responsible for a 45-person agency, a \$2 million advertising campaign, and represented the state on several regional and national boards and organizations. He received national recognition from the National Council of State Tourism Directors as the 2001 State Tourism Director of the Year.

After leaving state government in 2003, Stewart worked as a marketing consultant.

He was named secretary of the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet by Gov. Steve Beshear in June, 2013.