

Stephen (Steve) Ciesinski

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Steve Ciesinski is a seasoned operator, investor, board member and advisor to companies in a broad range of tech and service-based industries. He is a global traveler who understands the benefits of learning new cultures and markets while engaging in executive business development. Steve is experienced in a variety of company business models and financing situations, including VC, PE, M&A and IPO. He is a frequent speaker, moderator and panelist at conferences and executive programs on digital transformation, innovation, entrepreneurship, venture capital and related topics.

Steve was most recently president of Silicon Valley-based SRI International (www.sri.com), one of the world's leading independent R&D organizations. With annual contracted research and commercialization revenues of approximately \$500M, SRI creates breakthrough technology-based innovations, including Siri, the computer mouse, ultrasound and telerobotic medical devices, HDTV, drugs for cancer, natural language speech recognition and many others.

Steve is now active as the founder and managing partner of Double Diamond Associates, LLC, an early stage, high-tech venture capital investment and advisory services firm. Steve's current interests include mobile and blockchain applications, IOT, AI, and big data analysis; enterprise software; digital health applications; fintech; security and privacy; and business marketplaces.

Steve has held executive positions with Applied Materials (General Manager), the global manufacturer of semiconductor capital equipment; Octel Communications COO/EVP), the worldwide leader in voice-messaging products; Resumix (Chairman/CEO), the inventor of Web-based personnel recruiting applications; and Laszlo Systems (Chairman/CEO), a pioneer in Web 2.0 software. He started his career at Procter & Gamble, was a consultant with Booz, Allen & Hamilton, and also served as a venture capital partner with Earlybird Ventures.

Steve is past Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Union College (NY) as well as The President's Cabinet at California Polytechnical University. He's also been a board member of public, private and not-for-profit organizations, and has served on strategy, compensation, audit, finance and investment, and other board committees.

Steve has been on the faculty at Stanford's Graduate School of Business since 2009, teaching on entrepreneurship and innovation topics. His current focus is on creating high growth, tech-based companies and VC firms in developing economies. His service to Stanford includes board memberships for the Stanford Cardiovascular Institute, the GSB Management Council, the Buck/Cardinal (athletic) Club, and the GSB Dean's Advisory Committee.

He has a BSEE and AB from Union College, and an MBA from Stanford University.

Steve and his family are founders of the Kalele Foundation, dedicated to providing character-building and life-changing development experiences for disadvantaged children. He's also active with the Yosemite Conservancy, LifeMoves (homeless shelters), Hidden Villa (social justice), and other mission-oriented organizations. Steve enjoys reading (current events, economics, international relations) and traveling, backpacking/hiking, cycling, skiing, tennis, golf, and other outdoor activities.