Contact

www.linkedin.com/in/dirkbrown (LinkedIn)

Top Skills

Entrepreneurship
Joint Ventures
Start-ups

Languages

French (Native or Bilingual)
Japanese
English (Native or Bilingual)

Publications

Inventions = Money
South Carolina Capital Market Study
Handbook of Best Practices in Intellectual Property Management

Dirk Brown

Technology Executive
United States

Summary

Seasoned technology executive specializing in the general management of organizations undergoing rapid change (in operations, strategy, regulatory environments, market conditions, and product or service offerings). Extensive experience and domain expertise in education, digital media, software-as-a-service (SaaS) platforms, online system architectures, electronics, electrical components, semiconductor devices, and consumer products.

- Founding CEO / Managing Partner of four startups, all either acquired or still growing privately
- Liberty Fellow of the Aspen Global Leadership Network
- Charter Member of the C100 (http://www.thec100.org/)
- SCRA Knowledge Economist Award Recipient
- Over a decade of academic thought leadership in entrepreneurism and free enterprise
- Over 35 patents in the areas of semiconductors, electronics, and digital media technology
- Over 30 technical and business papers/articles

Strengths - General management, international business, corporate growth strategy, intellectual property strategy, manufacturing operations and supply chain management, strategic and technical marketing, licensing, joint venture formation and management, and corporate financing (including debt, private equity, and venture capital).

Experience

PROOF Hard Ice Cream

Executive Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary
January 2018 - Present (8 years 11 months)
Liquorem Holdings Corp. (including predecessor Liquorem Holdings, LLC).

Chairman since January 2018.

www.proofhardicecream.com

University of South Carolina
15 years 5 months

Director, McNair Institute for Entrepreneurism and Free Enterprise
June 2017 - Present (9 years 6 months)
2021 - Present: Faculty, International Business Department, Darla Moore School of Business

2018 - 2022: Faculty Principal, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Living Learning Community

2011 - 2020: Faculty, Management Department, Darla Moore School of Business

Director, Faber Entrepreneurship Center
July 2011 - June 2017 (6 years)
Columbia, South Carolina Metropolitan Area
Faculty, Management Department, Moore School of Business

Pandoodle Corp.
Chairman & CEO
July 2009 - Present (17 years 5 months)
www.pandoodle.com

Northwestern Polytechnic
Entrepreneur in Residence
November 2022 - March 2026 (3 years 5 months)
Alberta, Canada

Neoconix
6 years 8 months

Executive Vice President, Marketing & Corporate Strategy
June 2006 - August 2009 (3 years 3 months)
www.neoconix.com

CEO of Epic Technology -> Neoconix
January 2003 - June 2006 (3 years 6 months)
www.neoconix.com

HCD Inc
Executive Vice President
February 1999 - January 2003 (4 years)
www.hcdcorp.com

AMD
Member of Technical Staff
1995 - 1999 (4 years)
www.amd.com

Education

Cornell University
Ph.D., Materials Science and Engineering · (1990 - 1995)

San Jose State University
MBA · (1996 - 1998)

Queen's University
B.Sc., Applied Physics · (1986 - 1990)