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Changing the game was Rick’s goal when he left an executive career to start Growth Operators in 2010. For years he’d seen how high-performing business-focused finance and human resources teams could help companies grow and thrive.

Rick started Growth Operators in 2010 as a one-person consulting and advisory firm. Over the years, he’s balanced serving clients and executive leadership of the firm. As our Co-Founder and CEO, Rick now spends the majority of his time chairing our leadership team and developing and overseeing our long-range vision and near-term growth strategy, while still serving clients from time to time.

Before starting Growth Operators, Rick spent nearly 20 years in accounting, finance, administrative, and operational roles. He began his career in public accounting at Arthur Andersen and then joined Best Buy, where he led Corporate Development and Corporate Finance. Rick then joined Golf Galaxy as CFO leading the company’s initial public offering and, later, its merger with Dick’s Sporting Goods. Thereafter he led finance and operations for privately held Griffin International Companies’ before Co-Founding Growth Operators. He’s passionate about business growth and serves on the boards of several for-profit and not-for-profit companies.

EDUCATION

BBA, Accounting

University of St. Thomas

EXPERIENCE

Chief Financial Officer

Griffin International Companies

Chief Financial Officer

Golf Galaxy

Director of Corporate Finance

Best Buy

Audit Manager

Arthur Andersen LLP

STRENGTHS

Empathy

Communication

Collaboration

Relationship Building

Vision

Analytical



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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Vision & Strategy

Specializes in vision and strategy, driving growth and value creation for businesses.

Executive Leadership

Provides executive leadership, guiding businesses with strategic vision and growth expertise.

Value Creation

Drives value creation through strategic vision, financial expertise, and business growth leadership.

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Business Products and Services

Consumer Products and Services

Retail and Restaurant

Healthcare

MarTech / AdTech

Manufacturing and Industrial