Dr. Kevin Michaels: Managing Director • AeroDynamic Advisory

Dr. Kevin Michaels is Managing Director of AeroDynamic Advisory, a consulting firm focused on the global aerospace and aviation industries. His 31 years of aviation experience includes hundreds of consulting engagements for leading aviation and aerospace companies across the globe. Dr. Michaels is a globally recognized expert in the aerospace manufacturing and MRO sectors and also has significant expertise in business-to-business marketing, customer satisfaction, M&A advisory, technology assessment, cluster development and strategic planning. His experience spans all major market segments including air transport, business & general aviation, and military. Previously, he was a VP with ICF’s Aerospace & MRO consulting practice, was a co-founder and partner with AeroStrategy until its acquisition by ICF. Prior to that, he was Director - Strategic Development with Rockwell Collins Government Systems, and Principal with The Canaan Group, an aerospace consultancy. Dr. Michaels began his career as a project engineer with aeroengine supplier Williams International. His Bachelors in Aerospace Engineering, an MBA degree, was obtained from the University of Michigan, and MSc and PhD degrees in International Relations from the London School of Economics.

Douglas S. Harned: Managing Director • Bernstein

Mr. Douglas Harned has led coverage of Global Aerospace & Defense for Bernstein since January of 2005. Industry coverage has included dynamics of defense markets, commercial aircraft trends, structure of the aircraft engine industry, impact of emerging markets and forces driving manufacturer performance. Mr. Harned came to Bernstein from McKinsey & Company where he was a Partner and a leader of McKinsey’s Aerospace & Defense Practice, after having served major aerospace companies in the U.S., Western Europe and Russia on aerospace and defense issues. Also, he led McKinsey’s research on commercial aircraft cycles, industrial implications of defense transformation, and future of the Russian aerospace industry. Prior to McKinsey, he was a senior scientist at SAIC, and also has held scientific research positions at the Courant Institute for Mathematical Sciences, Max Planck Institute for Plasma Physics, and Los Alamos National Laboratory. Mr. Harned holds an MBA Degree with Distinction from the Wharton School, a Ph.D. degree in Nuclear Engineering from the University of California at Berkeley, and a Bachelor’s from Northwestern University.

Dawne S. Hickton: President & Founding Partner • Cumberland Highstreet Partners

Ms. Dawne S. Hickton is the founder and President of Cumberland Highstreet Partners, Inc., a consulting services company. Ms. Hickton has more than 20 years of executive experience in the diversified metals and aerospace industries. Previously, she was Vice Chair, President and CEO of RTI International Metals, Inc., which was acquired by Alcoa in 2015, and subsequently split into a division of Arconic in 2016. Ms. Hickton oversaw two major capital expansions and five acquisitions in the last four years as CEO. Ms. Hickton is the current Chair of the Board of the Cleveland Federal Reserve Bank, and is also on the Boards of Haynes International, Inc., Triumph Group, Inc., and Jacobs Engineering Group. Ms. Hickton is past president of the board of directors of the International Titanium Association (ITA). In her capacity as a director of ITA, she founded the international organization – Women in Titanium, which mentors young women in the material sciences. Previously, she served on the executive committee of the Aerospace Industries Association.

Nicole Lecca: Senior VP, Material & Part Procurement • Airbus

Ms. Nicole Lecca has spent the major part of her professional career - more than 30 years - within the Airbus Group where she held various positions including Head of Financial control, various positions in Strategic procurement from Engine to Cabin and Cargo loading system. In 2005, she joined Customer Services of Airbus Commercial as Head of Strategy, Business Development and Change. Then she moved to Engineering in 2009, where she took the presidency of the Airbus subsidiary in charge of product Lifecycle Management (PLM). Five years after, she took the position of Program Management of PMR (Professional Mobile Radio) activities in Airbus Defence & Space and joined Airbus Helicopters as Head of Company Improvement & Transformation. Since January 2017, she has moved to the position of SVP Material & Part Procurement commodity. As such, she deals with metallic and composite raw materials, along with standard & detail parts procurement for all Airbus Group programs. Ms. Lecca holds a Master’s degree from the Institute of Political Studies.
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Cliff Collier: Senior Advisor • ICF

Mr. Cliff Collier is a seasoned executive in ICF’s Operations & Supply Chain (OSC) practice where he helps aerospace companies assess and realize cost and efficiency improvements and also leads operations due diligence projects. Mr. Collier has 30 years of experience in the aluminum industry, he has held leadership positions in planning, production, strategy and sales across all three divisions of Constellium serving the packaging, automotive and aerospace industries. Mr. Collier holds Bachelor and Masters degrees in Mathematics and Theoretical Physics from Trinity College, Cambridge University and an MBA from London Business School.

Jim Reed: VP, Global Supply Chain Management • Spirit AeroSystems

Mr. Jim Reed is the Vice President of Global Supply Chain Management for Spirit AeroSystems. Before assuming this role, he served as Vice President of Global Contracts, Pricing, Estimating and Procurement Cost Support. Mr. Reed joined Spirit in December 2009 and assumed the role in procurement in September 2016. Prior to joining Spirit AeroSystems, he worked as Global Vice President of Supply Chain and Procurement at Lear Corporation. Mr. Reed completed his MBA while working for GenCorp, and achieved his CPA license in Indiana while working for Harsco Corporation. Mr. Reed graduated from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, in 1978 with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting.

Rafael Carbonell: VP, Sales - Aerospace & Transportation • Constellium

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Joanna Speed: Managing Director, A&D and SpeedNews Conferences • SpeedNews

In 1979, Gilbert Speed, one of the aviation industry’s respected entrepreneurs launched SpeedNews, along with his wife Ann Speed, which quickly became the aviation industry’s most innovative newsletter. Under the tutelage of her father Gil, Joanna Speed began her informal education in commercial aviation at SpeedNews, and studied business in the Pepperdine University graduate program. Ms. Speed then took on an executive management role with greater responsibility within the company, streamlined the company to increase revenue and reduce costs, led the effort toward online distribution and created new marketing programs for large corporate subscribers. When SpeedNews Conferences emerged as the nation’s most influential forecasting and intelligence forums, she refined and expanded marketing strategies for the Aviation Suppliers Conferences. As Managing Director, she introduced four successful forecasting and intelligence forums for the Aerospace & Defense Industry. In 2006, SpeedNews was purchased by Penton and following Penton’s acquisition of Aviation Week in 2013, Ms. Speed was promoted to Managing Director, Aerospace & Defense Events for the Aviation Week Network, with an expanded portfolio of Conferences including DefenseChain featuring Program Excellence and Executive Roundtables. Penton was acquired by Informa in 2016.

Philip F. Milazzo: Chief Executive Officer • HM Dunn Aerosystems

Mr. Philip F. Milazzo is the Chief Executive Officer for HM Dunn Aerospace. Mr. Milazzo’s career spans more than 30 years of leadership and innovation, having served in senior level operations and sales positions in the aerospace and chemical industries. Prior to joining HM Dunn Aerospace, he was President and CEO of PAS Technologies. During his tenure with PAS, he also was Senior Vice President of Operations, playing an instrumental role in driving the Lean culture at the company. In addition, as Executive Vice President, Sales and Marketing, he developed engineering and new repair development strategies and aggressively expanded business relationships with domestic and global customers. Prior to PAS Technologies, he served as Vice President of Operations for BioLab Inc. Mr. Milazzo holds a Bachelor of Business Management degree from Louisiana Tech University and has more than 25 years of lean manufacturing experience.