



Dear Colleagues,

The Consulting Psychology Conference is less than 6 months away, and we are truly excited by the line up of events, keynote speakers and proposal submissions that we have received thus far! We can't stand the thought of keeping it to ourselves, so to give you something to talk about all weekend, we would like to announce our first keynote speaker **Lawrence Jackson**.

Lawrence Jackson, is a Senior Advisor at New Mountain Capital, a New York City, Private Equity firm. He has over 30 years of senior executive experience, with leading global consumer product companies and retailers. As an early career professional, Lawrence was a corporate banker at the Bank of Boston in 1975. Upon completion of his MBA at Harvard University, Lawrence joined McKinsey & Company as a consultant. He spent 16 years at PepsiCo in various management positions, earning his way to become COO of Worldwide Operations.

Lawrence held prominent roles in many of today's leading industry giants such as Safeway, Inc., where he served as VP of Supply Operations. His influential style of leadership and innovative thinking, proved to be effective when he transitioned into a COO position at Dollar General Corp. His efforts resulted in the execution of location expansion plans, as well as improvement of organizational efficiency within fully functional locations. As times evolved, Lawrence found himself using his knowledge of expansion tactics and organizational effectiveness strategies as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Global Procurement at Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. There, he directed the efforts of acquiring offices in 28 countries and implemented programs to improve the company's factory sourcing. Recognizing that organizations obtain growth, by their ability to efficiently carry out organizational procedures, Lawrence sought to use his proven efficiency strategies and transition into Executive Vice President and Chief People Officer. He was responsible for human resources planning for the company's 1.5 million associates worldwide.

Currently, Lawrence is on the board of directors of Snyder's-Lance and Assurant, Inc., both Fortune 500 public companies. He also serves on the boards of several NMC portfolio companies spanning software, distribution and big data businesses. He formerly served on the boards of RadioShack, Inc., Allied Waste, Inc., and ProLogis.

Lawrence resides in Nashville, while spending part of the year in Los Angeles and his native

Washington, DC. He and his wife Kimberly have three adult children, Vincent (26), Elliott (23) and Madison (22).

We are excited to hear from Lawrence as his experience will be a great representation of the theme: **The Next Wave of Leadership: Accelerating Development While Increasing Impact**

We hope to see you all in Seattle!

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