

## **John M. Burns**

Mr. Burns is a seasoned executive and director with over 40 year's of hands-on experience in a variety of industries. Trained as an engineer and lawyer, he is actively engaged as an investor in a number of companies, with management roles when needed, through his firm, Scripps Ventures, Inc. In that capacity he has helped a number of startup and mature companies in the fields of communications, IT, defense services, medical technology and energy. Most recently he has specialized in troubled companies, and their restructuring.

He currently serves as Chairman & CEO of Holocom, Inc., a manufacturer of specialty communications enclosures for defense and other classified/sensitive networks, and is a Director and Audit Chair for AIRSIS, Inc. an M2M device, and marine domain awareness company.

Financial advisory or funding engagements have entailed sums from as little as \$25,000 to \$50,000,000. Current or prior companies that he has assisted with either capital formation or consulting include (too many to list) Merrill Lynch, US DOE, Cheng Power Systems, CNG/Dominion, SYS Technologies, Fulbright Jaworski, Furth Farnier Blumly & Mason, PSNM, Williams Companies, Luce Forward, Sempra, Intellicion/Southern Companies, MediCredit, PG&E, Baker & Botts, eStudySite, Steptoe Johnson, Primary Funding Corporation, Raytheon, Marubini, and many more.

He is active in corporate governance, as a member of Corporate Directors Forum, Program Committee, and has served on numerous private and public company boards. He was a key Director for SYS Technologies, helping lead that company from a sleepy OTC firm with a \$1.5 million market cap and \$5 million in revenues (1996) to \$50 million in market cap, \$75 million revenues (2006) and AMEX listing. Other board roles include AIRSIS, Alturdyne, Holocom Networks, Power Partners International, Primary Funding, LEAD San Diego, COMBO, and others.

He holds a BS in Civil Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and a Juris Doctorate from University of San Diego.

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