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Jerry began his Lean journey with Kimberly-Clark Corporation in 1987. During his time there, Jerry learned world-class manufacturing methods and gained expertise in 5S, Quick Changeover, Total Productive Maintenance (TPM), and Value-Added Manufacturing. He developed a Project Management methodology that became the standard of excellence for the company's Household Products Sector. During leading tissue operations, his teams surpassed every company productivity record in the company's history.

Jerry joined leading medical device maker DJO Global in 1997 and held leadership positions in Quality, Engineering, and Operations. He was one of the key change leaders that helped grow the company from \$85 million to over \$1.2 billion in revenue. While the Director of Operations at DJO, his site received **IndustryWeek Top Ten Best Plant, The Shingo Prize, and the AME Manufacturing Excellence Award**. As Senior Vice President of Lean and Enterprise Excellence at DJO, Jerry led the lean transformation of more than a dozen acquired medical device and surgical companies from 2000 to 2013. Along with Dr. Gary Losse, MD, he brought Lean methods to surgery centers, medical offices, and clinics of key customers of DJO Global from 2009 to 2013.

Jerry is now the CEO and Principal Consultant of **LEANwRIGHT, Inc.**, a Lean Consulting, Training, and Certification firm started in 2013: [www.leanwright.com](http://www.leanwright.com). Through LEANwRIGHT, Jerry has helped hundreds of companies, both large (> \$4 billion in revenue) and small (< \$10 million in revenue). Jerry's broad experience, in-depth knowledge, and facilitation skills have provided exceptional value in process improvement for his clients. LEANwRIGHT, Inc. was awarded the **San Diego Business Management Consultant of the Year** by the San Diego Awards Program in 2019, 2020, 2021, and again in 2022.

Jerry is a West Region Director for the Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME). He was a previous West Region President and AME Board of Directors member. He was Chairman of the Board from 2015- 2016 and interim President and CEO from 2015-2016 and again in 2019-2020. From 2008-2015, he was the Lead Instructor for the UC San Diego Lean Enterprise Certification Program. He is a Certified Master Black Belt and is just the 7<sup>th</sup> person in the world to be recognized at the highest Lean (Lean Gold Certified) level by the joint alliance of AME, ASQ, SME, and the Shingo Institute in 2016.

Jerry was the Lead Instructor for Lean Enterprise at UCSD from 2008-2018. He was the Lead Instructor for Executive Perspective for Scientists and Engineers diploma program (EPSE) at UCSD. EPSE is the technical equivalent of an MBA for scientists and engineers with a Master's or Doctorate. Jerry was also an instructor for Lean Enterprise at San Diego State University from 2015-2018. He is a current Shingo Prize and AME Excellence Award Examiner. From 2001-2021, he was the Chair of the Southern California Lean Network, an association of 175 companies across Southern California and Northern Mexico that share best practices in enterprise excellence: [www.socalleannetwork.org](http://www.socalleannetwork.org).

Jerry earned a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Arizona State University and an MBA from the University of Phoenix. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of California and the holder of one US patent. He is a certified Kaizen Blitz Master Facilitator, leading over 1,250 Kaizen Events. Jerry received his Master Black Belt from Lean Applications, Inc. in 2018. He earned his Lean Six Sigma Black Belt from UCSD in 2015. Jerry was a contributing author to the **Lean Handbook** and is a regular speaker at industry events and conferences across North America.