



MICHAEL KESSEL

ARLINGTON ADVISORY BOARD

"I met Lisa during our volunteer board member work with the Heart and Stroke Foundation. It was clear right from the beginning that we shared a passion for people and the desire to build great teams that achieve great results."

Mike Kessel, MBA, CPA, is an Arlington Partners Advisory Board Member with Arlington Partners International. Mike is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Cleveland Clinic Canada and is responsible for the growth of the Canadian facility, strategic partnerships and enterprise value creation. Mike has over 25 years of experience in strategy, finance, operations and entrepreneurial ventures.

Mike is a CEO and healthcare leader with experience in Canada and the U.S. An entrepreneur who understands the delivery of exceptional client service, he brings a strategic private sector mindset, vision and deep understanding of the private, public and non-profit sectors where he works to find innovative partnerships and solutions to benefit citizens on both sides of the border. As an Arlington Partners Advisory Board member, Mike is an ambassador for Arlington and provides thought leadership and industry insights to Arlington's CEO, Healthcare, Life Sciences, and Non-Profit practice areas.

At Cleveland Clinic Canada, Mike implemented a unique public/private hybrid strategy that led to the formation of formal partnerships with the Canadian healthcare system and stakeholders such as Sick Kids, Sunnybrook, Mt. Sinai and the Heart and Stroke Foundation. He has also led partnership efforts with the Ontario Ministry of Health where there have been several important 'firsts' for in-country and cross-border patient care in bariatric surgery and bone marrow transplants.

In addition to his work at Cleveland Clinic Canada, Mike is active in the Toronto community as a former board member of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario where in 2016 he was the recipient of the Tony Graham Outstanding Board Member Award. Mike is also a Board Member at Unyte, Biomedics, VIQ, Solve.care and the Ontario Brain Institute. Mike is a former committee member of the Conference Board of Canada and is an active member of Young Presidents' Organization. He also serves on the Maple Leaf Chapter's New Member Committee.

Prior to joining Cleveland Clinic Canada in 2009, Mike was Co-Founder and Vice President of Business Development and Finance for the Center for Partnership Medicine at Northwestern Memorial Hospital/Trio Health in Chicago. In this role, he was instrumental in the development of a network of executive health and wellness programs with leading medical centers throughout the U.S. He successfully secured 39 of the 42 Fortune 500 companies based in Chicago as clients. This program was ranked as one of the top programs in the country by Forbes and Fortune magazines.

Earlier roles include finance leadership at Cardinal Health, a Fortune 500 global medical products company and Co-Founder and Chief Financial and Operations Officer for Ignition State Group, LLC, a web strategy and development firm based in Chicago. Mike graduated from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science with a major in Marketing and Accounting. He received his CPA designation in 1995 and his MBA from Kellogg Business School at Northwestern University in Chicago in 2005 with a focus on Marketing, Finance and Strategy.