

## **John D. Owens**

**Professor, University of Southern California**

**Retired Partner, KPMG LLP**

### **Background**

John has been on the faculty in the Leventhal School of Accounting of the University of Southern California since 2007. He has been an Audit partner in KPMG's Los Angeles Industrial and Consumer Markets practice for 27 years, having been with the Firm for 38 years, retiring in 2015. John has provided audit and advisory services to a variety of clients in consumer and industrial products, energy, medical technology, investment banking and other industries and was an International Financial Reporting Standards Partner.

### **Teaching Activities**

John has served on the faculty in the USC Leventhal School of Accounting for 13 years, developing and teaching *Strategy and Operations Through a CFO Lens*, as well as teaching *Audit and Assurance Services* and *Financial Statement Analysis*. John is the academic director of the USC Master of Accounting with Data & Analytics Program, having developed the program.

### **Professional and Industry Experience**

John provided audit services to public and privately-held consumer and industrial products clients. He provided services in the areas of corporate strategy, activity-based management, production and inventory management, manufacturing and distribution cycle-time reduction, product-line and customer channel analysis and strategy, and business process reengineering.

He served as lead engagement partner on the audits of a Fortune 300 metals company, a \$25 billion consumer products company (under IFRS), and the fourth largest oil and gas company in the United States. Consulting projects have included reengineering a major medical research and education institute, reengineering the European distribution system of a U.S. based international pharmaceutical company and integration of a European based global pharmaceutical company in its acquisition of a U.S. biotech company. John performs litigation support work as an expert witness, fact witness and arbiter in issues involving clients in energy, manufacturing, real estate and other industries.

In addition to his client service role, John served as partner in charge of campus recruiting for the Western US for the Firm.

### **Education, Licenses, Certifications and Other**

John holds the following memberships and licenses:

- CPA in the State of California
- AICPA
- California Society of CPAs
- Has previously been certified in production and inventory management by the American Production and Inventory control society.

John holds a BS in Business Administration (Accounting emphasis) from USC. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern California for six years, three as Chairman of the Board.