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As a long time teacher of management, leadership, and strategy, Mike consults and facilitates workshops with leading hospitals, health systems, and multi-national organizations in the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Asia, the Middle East, South America, the United Kingdom, and Europe. Mike's areas of expertise and study include leadership development, culture building, public policy development, strategy development, operational improvement, and innovation. He both teaches and develops curriculum focused on changing leadership mindset and energizing teams to achieve higher levels of excellence.

Mike is Executive Director of International Research at The Advisory Board Company, headquartered in Washington, DC. During his 21 years of work at Advisory Board, Mike has personally worked with more than 750 health care organizations, professional associations, government agencies, the United States armed forces, insurance firms, pharmaceutical companies, and medical device manufacturers.

Mike serves as Senior Leadership Fellow at Ko Awatea Innovation Centre in Auckland, New Zealand. Mike is the lead advisor of the World Health CLIMB Collaborative – a global initiative to dramatically expand the leadership ranks, skills, and success of both formal and informal leaders across the health continuum. In that capacity Mike is working with organizations around the world to design, launch, and fund a global leadership development platform of services that will be made available free-of-charge to healthcare innovators globally. Mike also is the principal and founder of NorthStar Enterprises, a leadership development project and consultancy.

Prior to his work in health care leadership, Mike was elected to four terms in the South Dakota House of Representatives, serving as Assistant Majority Leader and Vice Chair of Health and Human Services. Additionally, Mike was elected to five terms as President of the Aldermanic Council and Mayor of a small town in South Dakota and served as Vice President of the state municipal league. His professional experience includes service as the Chief Operating Officer of an international distribution company, the Executive Director of a Habitat for Humanity agency, and a college lecturer in business management and leadership.

Mike earned a master's in public administration from Harvard University, where he was named an Archibald Bush Leadership Fellow and Lucius N. Littauer Fellow for outstanding citizenship and academic achievement.

Mike spends much of his spare time snow skiing, scuba diving, off-road motor-biking in the Black Hills of South Dakota, and boating along the Missouri River. When he and his wife, Paula, are not spending time with their eight grandchildren, Mike raises both white and black swans.