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Rick Burris

Rick C. Burris, a principal with Oliver Wight Americas, is a proven senior executive in turning around distressed businesses through the real-world use of world class best practices. He has over 30 years of executive, management, and process experience in diverse industries including aerospace, consumer products, automotive, electronics, software and engineered infrastructure equipment. Rick has a functional background in finance, operations, Supply Chain Management, and senior general management.

Rick began his career with 13 years at the Martin Marietta Astronautics Group finishing with the Senior Project Management role for process change projects that achieved six "Class A" implementations in a government contracting environment. Rick then joined the Oliver Wight Companies as a principal where he served as a consultant to several leading companies including Boeing, Motor Coach, Motorola, Yarway Valves, Yerger Brothers Furniture, and Beauty Group International. After successfully helping companies achieve "Class A" performance with Oliver Wight, he was asked to serve a turn-around role as COO for Beauty Group International, a leading manufacturer of consumer products in South America. Sales and profits increased through both new product development and operations process changes based on Oliver Wight principles.

Rick went on to serve similar COO roles at Keller Systems International, Strategic Resource Management, and Video Products Group, implementing fast, lasting, financial, and operational improvements based on processes that result in a permanently-changed company culture. His last assignment in industry was with Weir Floway in Fresno, CA, an underperforming manufacturer of vertical turbine pumps. Using the Oliver Wight S&OP Tool, he installed Integrated Business Management processes that changed the company's direction from a focus on well pumps to highly engineered pumping solutions. In three years, the company went from serious losses to better-than-industry profit levels and moved from #5 to #3 in the world-wide VTP market.

Rick has been a frequent speaker at APICS, locally and internationally and has been published on several subjects. He earned his BS in Physics, with a minor focus in Economics, from the University of California, and has participated in Executive Programs at the UCLA Anderson School of Management, the MIT Sloan School of Management, and the Covey Leadership Program.

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