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### Professional Background & Current Responsibilities:

Bryan joined the Ernst & Young organization in London, Ontario upon graduation from the Richard Ivey School of Business at the University of Western Ontario with an Honors Business Administration degree in 1981. He obtained his Canadian Chartered Accountant designation in 1983 and was admitted as a partner of Ernst & Young LLP in Canada in 1991. Bryan served a number of high growth private and public companies in an audit and advisory capacity in Canada until he transferred to the Ernst & Young member firm in Barbados to launch its Corporate Finance & Entrepreneurial Services practice in the Caribbean in 1994 – a practice which he built and grew until leaving Barbados in December 2000. While in the Caribbean, Bryan launched the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year program in Barbados and Trinidad.

Bryan transferred to the Boston office of Ernst & Young LLP in the beginning of 2001 to design and launch the firm's new Venture Capital Advisory Group ("VCAG") initiative to position it as the market leader, serving leading VC firms and their portfolio companies. Today, one of Bryan's major responsibilities for the global Ernst & Young organization is as the VCAG leader for the Americas (North, South & Israel).

Between 2003 and 2009, Bryan led the Northeast Strategic Growth Markets Practice (VC, PE, IPO and Russell 2000 market segments) for Ernst & Young LLP while also serving as Coordinating Partner on a number of accounts.

In 2010, in addition to his Americas VCAG Leadership Role, Bryan assumed leadership of the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® Awards program ("EOY") – now in its 26<sup>th</sup> year and many of the organizations related entrepreneurship initiatives in the Americas. He is responsible for the EOY program operations in 26 markets in the US, 5 in Canada and throughout Latin America and in Israel. Bryan drives annual nominations, sponsorships, independent judging, and oversees an extensive EOY alumni organization with over 8,000 US members and its own on-line alumni community etc. As a result of these activities, Bryan is a sought-after commentator in the media (including Bloomberg, Wall Street Journal, CNN Money, Inc, Portfolio.com, CBS etc.) Bryan has also lectured at the University level including Bentley College, Boston College etc. and is a frequent conference speaker on VC and Entrepreneurship.

Bryan is also closely involved with the Ernst & Young's annual Strategic Growth Forum that is held each November in Palm Springs, CA and is the largest gathering of high-growth entrepreneurs in America ([www.ey.com/us/sgf](http://www.ey.com/us/sgf)).

Bryan sits on the Ivey Business School advisory board. He is also the board chair of the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship, New England.