

## *Christopher P. LaMothe*

*LaMothe is the Founder, President and Chief Executive Officer of Ascendanci Ventures LLC.*

*Ascendanci is an investment firm targeting Midwest companies with strong growth potential that, when aided by an appropriate investment and strong strategic leadership, have the ability to build a long-term successful presence in the Midwest region.*

*Prior to founding Ascendanci, LaMothe served as President and COO of Oxford Financial Group, LTD, one of the largest wealth management firms in the country with over \$7 Billion under management. Oxford developed a strong reputation offering estate, tax, financial and investment planning for high net worth individuals. Additionally, Oxford provided investment evaluation and management services to company retirement plans, foundations and not-for-profit organizations. Oxford' s expertise in direct private equity investments added significant benefit to the firm' s clients. He also served as Chairman and CEO of the Trust Company of Oxford with nearly \$2 billion under management. LaMothe lead Oxford Financial Group and the Trust Company of Oxford to improved operational efficiencies, quality, market penetration and development, client satisfaction, strategic planning and product and new market growth. LaMothe managed every aspect of the firm and was successful in the reorganization of Oxford*

*and the re-engineering of its processes that drove significant increases in revenue and profitability.*

*Previous to Oxford, LaMothe served as the President and CEO of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. During his tenure he grew the organization from the 42<sup>nd</sup> largest State Chamber of Commerce in the United States to the fifth largest statewide Chamber with annual revenue growth of 588% during his leadership. LaMothe was instrumental in the vision, funding and completion of numerous studies that were used to create a master plan for the direction of the State of Indiana, which had been languishing for decades. This plan, Economic Vision 2010 remains as the foundation for the growing resurgence of Indiana' s business climate. LaMothe also provided strategic, marketing and operational consulting services to a number of businesses and State and National associations.*

*Prior to joining the Indiana Chamber, LaMothe worked with American Brands in various marketing and management assignments moving from salesman to District Management through a number of promotions.*

*LaMothe has long been involved in investing and providing strategic and leadership consulting services to a number of firms. LaMothe' s current investments include:*

- *Harris and Ford LLC- a chemical and fine ingredient distribution firm in Indianapolis, Indiana*
- *Paetec Communications- a specialty telecommunications company based in Fairfield, New York*
- *Street Corner Property Group- a real estate development firm in Indianapolis, Indiana*
- *Ontario Systems LLC- a firm specializing in receivables management software development in Muncie, Indiana*

*LaMothe serves on the Board of Directors for a number of civic groups, including the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank Advisory Board, Junior Achievement of Central Indiana, The Indianapolis Zoo, the Indianapolis 500 Festival Board, Indiana University Business School Board of Visitors, the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and TM Youth Foundation. LaMothe also serves on the Board' s of Harris & Ford LLC, NuVo Technologies and Ontario Systems, LLC.*

*LaMothe is a graduate of Ball State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing and received his MBA from Indiana University. Chris and his wife Julie are parents of 4 children, Collin, Alec, Kellie and Lauren.*

