



Howard Root
Vascular Solutions, Inc.
Chief Executive Officer

Howard Root is the Chief Executive Officer and a member of our Board of Directors of Vascular Solutions, Inc., a company he co-founded in 1997 to develop a new medical device, took public in 2000, and subsequently transformed into a worldwide medical device company. Over the last 20 years, Howard has led Vascular Solutions in inventing, developing and launching over 100 new medical devices used in the diagnosis and treatment of coronary and peripheral vascular disease, resulting in over \$1 billion in cumulative sales, profitability and 500+ employees. Before joining Vascular Solutions, Howard was employed by ATS Medical, Inc., a mechanical heart valve company, as Vice President and General Counsel. Prior to joining ATS Medical, Howard practiced corporate law, specializing in representing emerging growth companies, at the law firm of Dorsey & Whitney LLP for over five years.