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SUPPLY CHAIN AND OPERATIONS EXECUTIVE | TRANSFORMATION, PROCUREMENT, NETWORK DESIGN, APPLIED AI

Twenty years leading supply chain and operations for large, complex organizations, including Clean Harbors, Amazon, CVS Health, Wayfair and Staples. As Senior Vice President of Supply Chain at Clean Harbors owned the enterprise supply chain for a \$6B company with more than 200 locations: about \$1B of spend, distribution, transportation, inventory and planning, an Oracle Cloud SCM deployment end to end, and a 30-person center in Hyderabad built from zero. Created and deployed a new inbound cross-dock network at Amazon worth \$70M a year and built the cost-to-serve model that guided network decisions across three CVS Health business units. Since 2025 has personally built five working AI systems for operations and founded Stratus Supply Chain, advising manufacturers, distributors and PE-backed companies. Does the work two ways: inside a company as the executive who owns it, or through Stratus for a defined scope. MIT Master of Engineering in Supply Chain Management.

WHAT I DO

Supply chain and operations leadership at enterprise scale | Transformation roadmaps and ERP modernization (Oracle Cloud SCM, SAP) | Procurement and sourcing: vendor rationalization, negotiations, terms and working capital | Network design, distribution and transportation optimization | S&OP, planning and inventory management | Applied AI and analytics in operations, built hands-on | Post-acquisition integration and supply chain diligence | Building senior teams across geographies | Finance, IT and Operations governance on shared KPIs

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Founder & Principal

2025 - Present

Stratus Supply Chain LLC | Boston, MA

Independent advisory practice for manufacturers, distributors and PE-backed companies: supply chain diligence and 100-day plans, modernization assessments, procurement and vendor strategy, network and transportation, and the practical use of AI in operations.

- Founded a Massachusetts advisory practice built around fixed-scope, fixed-fee engagements: supply chain diligence sprints for PE deals, modernization assessments with a 90-day and 12-month roadmap, procurement and vendor strategy, spend cubes built from AP exports with AI-assisted vendor normalization, S&OP and IBP redesign, and interim supply chain leadership. The principal does the work and stays through the launch.
- Built five working proof-of-concept AI systems for supply chain and operations in 2025 through Peakview Labs, owning each build end to end, among them an AI inventory orchestrator for C-item procurement, a predictive cold-chain monitor, a digital-twin capacity simulator for S&OP, and a supplier risk-intelligence platform with SAP integration. Self-directed builds developed with feedback from operators, not client engagements.
- Guest Lecturer, MIT (2026): case studies on AI-driven supply chain strategy for graduate students.

Senior Vice President, Supply Chain

2021 - 2025

Vice President, Supply Chain

2019 - 2021

Clean Harbors, Inc. | Norwell, MA

North America's largest environmental services company, \$6B+ revenue, 200+ locations. Owned the enterprise supply chain: procurement and sourcing for about \$1B of spend, distribution, transportation, inventory, planning, manufacturing supply and R&D, with budget ownership.

- Owned distribution, transportation and procurement for a network of 200+ service locations, setting strategy, service measures and cost targets, and built the supply chain leadership team on shared KPIs, with governance routines tying Finance, IT and Operations to one set of numbers.
- Delivered more than \$50M in cumulative sourcing and planning savings through targeted cost reduction programs, vendor strategy redesign and competitive sourcing, including a multi-year rationalization that took a \$100M category from more than 100 suppliers to about 25 and 10 to 15 percent out of it including freight.
- Oversaw the end-to-end deployment of Oracle Cloud SCM (forecasting, supplier portal, strategic sourcing) that replaced a legacy PeopleSoft environment, within a transformation roadmap for automation, data visibility and planning maturity.

- Built a Global Capabilities Center in Hyderabad from zero to roughly 30 people, owning live supply chain processes and advanced analytics as an integrated extension of North American operations.
- Developed and executed pandemic contingency and cost avoidance strategies that maintained supply continuity across all regions through global disruption.

Executive Director, Enterprise Supply Chain Strategy

2016 - 2019

CVS Health | Woonsocket, RI

Fortune 5 healthcare company. Supply chain transformation across retail pharmacy, PBM and Omnicare, a regulated pharmaceutical distribution environment.

- Built a total cost-to-serve model spanning three business units that identified more than \$20M in logistics, distribution and inventory savings and became the analytical basis for network and partner decisions.
- Led network optimization and flow-path redesign across distribution channels, and built an analytics and automation team delivering enterprise improvements in demand planning and distribution performance.

Director, Global Supply Chain Planning

2015 - 2016

Wayfair | Boston, MA

- Built the global planning organization from the ground up during hyper-growth, designing inventory flow, replenishment and supplier performance management across a rapidly expanding logistics network.

Senior Manager, Global Inventory & Supply Chain

2012 - 2015

Amazon | Seattle, WA

- Led strategic network design delivering \$70M in annualized savings by creating and deploying a new inbound cross-dock distribution network across multiple regions, from concept through operational launch.
- Directed inventory placement and transportation optimization, generating a further \$20M in savings, and drove S&OP automation that raised forecast accuracy and cut planning labor.

Director of Inventory Optimization

2008 - 2012

Staples | Framingham, MA

Progressive roles: Director of Inventory Optimization (2011-2012), Manager of S&OP (2009-2011), Project Manager (2008-2009).

- Co-led enterprise deployment of Llamasoft network optimization, reducing distribution cost as a percentage of sales, and designed and implemented Staples' first enterprise-wide S&OP process.

Process Engineer, Semiconductor Manufacturing

2001 - 2007

Axcelis Technologies / Fairchild Semiconductor | Beverly, MA / South Portland, ME

- Process engineering on advanced semiconductor manufacturing equipment (Axcelis, 2004-2007) and international technology transfer across global manufacturing sites (Fairchild, 2001-2004).

EDUCATION

Master of Engineering, Supply Chain Management & Logistics

2008

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Master of Engineering, Microelectronic Manufacturing Engineering

2004

Rochester Institute of Technology

Bachelor of Science, Biological Engineering, Magna Cum Laude

2001

University of Maine

ADDITIONAL

Oracle Cloud Infrastructure AI Foundations Certification | Pharmaceutical GMP Certificate | Co-author, Improving Hospital Supply Chains: An Engineering Approach | Systems: Oracle Cloud SCM, SAP, Coupa, Llamasoft, Power BI, Tableau, AWS