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Shane McRann Bigelow is CEO of Ownum, a holding company that builds companies focusing on digitizing vital records such as vehicle titles (Champ Titles – www.champtitles.com) and birth/death certificates (Vital Chain – www.vitalchain.com). Ownum’s companies each bring more efficiency to the ecosystem surrounding the vital record by converting paper-based processes to digital formats using blockchain.

Prior to Ownum, Bigelow was a Senior Vice President and Managing Director at Bernstein, where he managed a part of that firm’s U.S. business and sat on the firm’s Responsible Investment Committee that focused on the United Nation’s Principles for Responsible Investment; Environmental, Social and Governance Issues (ESG); and Socially Responsible Investment matters. There, Shane developed a highly informed view of how blockchain technologies can help society through reducing the costs of government, which informs the business at Ownum today.

Prior to Bernstein, Shane was the global financial products manager for Cisco Systems Capital (a subsidiary of Cisco Systems, Inc.). Before that, he was at Latitude Communications, Inc. (Nasdaq: LATD) which sold to Cisco in 2004, and before that he owned a California-based banking software company, which he sold in 2002. He graduated cum laude with a finance degree and a concentration in international business from the University of Notre Dame and holds an MA in international political economy and development from Fordham University. He is a member of Sigma Iota Rho—The National Honor Society for International Studies, and a member of Omicron Delta Epsilon—The International Honor Society for Economics.

Shane is a member of the board for Bluecoats, The Northeast Ohio Foundation for Patriotism (NEOPAT), the Gesu School Endowment Fund, where he is President, and the Lincoln Hall Foundation, where he is chairman of the investment committee. He has additionally been involved with the United Way of Greater Cleveland as a member of their campaign committee, is an alumnus of Leadership Cleveland, is a member of the Greater Cleveland Partnership’s Commission on Economic Inclusion and is an alum of the FBI Citizen’s Academy.

He is married to Kimberly and they have three sons, Sebastian, Declan, and Kieran.