



2008 Mentor



Kevin Abel
Founder and President, Abel Solutions, Inc.

A native of South Africa, Kevin came to the United States with his family in 1979. He went to high school in Dallas, Texas where he graduated Valedictorian of his class of 750. Kevin attended the University of Texas at Austin and received his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering in 1987.

Kevin's professional career began at Andersen Consulting in Dallas. His focus was on telecommunications and he became a member of Andersen's Advanced Services Group. He left Andersen in 1990 to pursue his soon-to-be wife Cindy, who lived and worked in Atlanta, Georgia.

After spending a year at Georgia State University pursuing his interests in philosophy and political science, Kevin re-entered the 'real world' as a project manager for BellSouth. His 7 year stint there included a high profile role at BellSouth Entertainment (formally BellSouth Interactive Media Services) where he was responsible for the implementation of a cable modem trail that brought high speed Internet access over the cable network to the home PC.

Kevin's interest in the Internet was piqued. In February 1997, together with his wife Cindy, he founded Abel Solutions, Inc. Abel Solutions employs innovative technology to increase the productivity of businesses by making the right information available to the right people at the right time. A Microsoft Gold Certified Partner for Information Worker and Integrated E-Business Solutions, Abel Solutions is widely recognized for their SharePoint-based solutions, custom application development and innovative delivery methodology. Abel Solutions has been

delivering custom solutions for businesses, state and local government and non-profit organizations since its inception.

Today Kevin remains President of Abel Solutions, a company of 18, located in Alpharetta, Georgia.

Kevin and Cindy have three beautiful children, Danielle (12), Juliana (10) and Eric (7).

Kevin and Cindy are very active in the community. They are long time supporters of Hands On Atlanta where Cindy has been a member of the Board of Directors for five years. Since 2000 their company, Abel Solutions, has participated as a corporate sponsor of the Hands On Atlanta Day servathon. They and their family are members of Temple Sinai. In 2001, Kevin took over the chairmanship of the Young CEO Roundtable, an elite organization of Jewish CEO's whose companies have greater than \$1M in sales. In 2002 Kevin was a Finalist for the Atlanta Small Business Person of the Year Award. That year Kevin was also named to the Georgia Trend 40 under 40 list. In 2004 Kevin served as Chairman of the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce Small Business Council and the Chamber Vice Chair for Small Business. Kevin was a member of the Leadership Atlanta Class of 2006. Kevin has also served as a member of the Board of the Arthritis Foundation – Georgia Chapter where he served as the 2005 Georgia Arthritis Walk Chair. In 2004 Kevin was invited to sit on the Board of Councilors of The Carter Center.