



2008 Mentor

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Mike Blake is Managing Director at Adams Capital, a boutique valuation services firm in business since 1995. Mike specializes in the valuation of emerging, privately-held companies, intellectual property, and intangible assets. Mike spent 8 years in venture capital and merchant banking, including implementing defense conversion in Russia, Ukraine & Belarus, investing in high-tech ventures in Israel, and supporting the financing of small companies in the United States. Mike also founded 3SVentures, a corporate financial consulting firm, which Adams Capital acquired in 2005.

Mr. Blake is an active participant in the Georgia early-stage investment community. In addition to his work with StartupLounge.com, Mr. Blake is a mentor in the Georgia Tech/Emory TIGER program, sits on the Private Equity Task Force of the Urban League of Atlanta, is a business plan judge for the Bronner Business Institute, and last year helped mentor opportunities in ATDC's CapVenture program.

Mike earned his BA in French & Economics from Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, PA, earned his MBA from Georgetown University and is a CFA Charterholder.