

“Whether you are working on a simple wood shop project or growing a sophisticated company, the process of building something is its own reward.”



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Chris Rowen is an exit planning consultant at NAVIX, where he helps owners of closely-held companies address their financial, legal, operational and personal readiness for an eventual ownership transfer or sale of their companies. He is a frequent and sought after speaker for CEO roundtable gatherings and industry events.

Prior to NAVIX, Mr. Rowen was an investment banker at VRA Partners, where he managed mergers and acquisitions for middle market technology and industrial companies. It was in this capacity that he gained an appreciation for the positive impact that a well-constructed exit plan can have on business owners and their families.

Prior to VRA, Mr. Rowen spent eight years at SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, a leading regional investment bank, where he earned recognition from both the Wall Street Journal and Institutional Investor Magazine for his work in the supply chain and technology sectors.

Earlier in his career Mr. Rowen spent nine years as a management consultant, for a variety of industry leaders, including Coca-Cola, Motorola, Henkel AG and Celanese Corp. Mr. Rowen is also a founder of RepairPal, a venture capital backed company that has become the leading web provider of independent auto repair estimates, with more than one million monthly unique visitors.

Mr. Rowen earned his Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from North Carolina State University and his Master's in ME from Georgia Tech. Mr. Rowen also studied towards a Ph.D. in Marketing at Stanford University's Graduate School of Business.

Chris and his wife, Nancy, whom he met during his undergraduate studies, are raising their two children, Thomas and Rebecca. During his free time, Chris enjoys the outdoors while cycling or playing golf. When he cannot be outside, Chris can usually be found playing guitar, helping his children with their homework, or building something in his workshop.