

TCI Person of The Year 2011

Rick Rodell Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Cornerstone Systems

Rick Rodell, the company's founder, has been Chief Executive Officer since 1997, and Chairman since October 2002. Mr. Rodell started his transportation career with the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad in Chicago, Illinois and held various sales and management positions in different locations. He started R. J. Rodell and Associates, a sales and marketing company representing various transportation companies in intermodal, trucking and boxcar shipments in 1977. He purchased Manufacturers Consolidation Service, one of the companies represented, in 1990 along with a partner. He was President/CEO until 1997, when he sold his interest and founded Cornerstone Systems.

He is a former member of VISTAGE (originally known as TEC.The Executive Committee), an international association of Chief Executive Officers. He is also a member of The Global Leaders, an organization of Chairman and CEO's world wide. Two of the companies he has led have reached the finals of the Memphis Business Journal's Small Business Award. He has also been a finalist for the Memphis Business Journal's Chief Executive Officer Award. He is a past Chairman of the Intermodal Conference of the Transportation Intermediaries Association as well as a former board of director for TIA. The Governor of Tennessee, for service to his community and state, has also recognized Mr. Rodell as a Tennessee Volunteer. He currently is involved with various charitable organizations including Alois, (Alzheimer's), The Children in Ethiopia, Leadership Training in Afghanistan, Youth Villages, and provides full tuition and expenses for deserving inner city teens to a private school.

He is an avid scuba diver, golfer, reads voraciously and travels abroad extensively. He has been married to Karen Rodell for 27 years, and has two sons both in the business. He has four grandchildren, all girls ranging in age from one year to age 15.