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With more than 30 years of experience in senior corporate positions, start-up companies, and university organizations, Ora provides strategic, research, and candidate recruitment services for academic, research, and technology commercialization searches.

Previously Ora was a senior technology executive with Rockwell International Corporation and the company's first director of external technology development. He also founded a technology-based company, now ISCO International, which he took public. He co-founded two additional companies, one later acquired by Superconductor Technologies, Inc. and the other by Gordian Associates.

As the first chief executive of The Ohio State University's affiliated research park, Ora oversaw the development of research facilities and the commercialization of faculty innovations. He continues to serve on the industrial advisory boards of The Ohio State University's Fisher College of Business Center for Entrepreneurship and its NSF-funded Nanoscale Science and Engineering Center. He also is an instructor for the California Institute of Technology's Industrial Relations Center.

Ora holds a S.B. and S.M. in Mechanical Engineering from M.I.T. and a J.D. from Harvard School of Law. He is a former Industrial Research Institute Fellow in the White House Science Office.