

Peter C. Howell

Chairman of the Audit Committee

Mr. Howell was appointed to fill a vacancy on the board on February 3, 2005. From 1997 to present, Mr. Howell has served as an advisor to various business enterprises in the area of acquisitions, marketing and financial reporting. From August 1994 to August 1997, Mr. Howell served as the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Signature Brands USA, Inc. (formerly known as Health-O-Meter), and from 1989 to 1994 Mr. Howell served as Chief Executive Officer and a director of Mr. Coffee, Inc. Mr. Howell is a member of the board of directors of Libbey, Inc., Global Lite Array Inc. (a subsidiary of Global-Tech Advanced Innovations Inc.) and one private company. Mr. Howell received a Master of Arts degree in Economics from Cambridge University.