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Michael Klowden is President and CEO of the Milken Institute. Klowden joined the Institute from Jefferies & Company, then the largest institutional securities brokerage and investment banking firm in Southern California. At Jefferies, he served as Vice Chairman, President and Chief Operating Officer.

Prior to joining Jefferies, Klowden was a Senior Partner at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, which he helped expand to an over-1,000-attorney international law firm. He served as one of the four members of that firm's Management Committee, was Managing Partner of the Los Angeles office, and national Vice Chairman of the firm's Business and Finance practice. In addition to his management responsibilities, Mr. Klowden developed a large legal practice that emphasized financial institutions, securities, mergers and acquisitions, real estate and corporate counseling.

Before joining Morgan, Lewis, Mr. Klowden was a partner at the law firm of Mitchell, Silberberg & Knupp where he practiced business law for a primarily entertainment industry client base.

Klowden has been involved in at least one hundred business combinations of various sizes and types and in scores of public and private securities offerings. He has served on several corporate boards, and is a Trustee of the University of Chicago.

Klowden received his BA from the University of Chicago in 1967, and his JD from Harvard Law School in 1970.