

Mikal Thomsen

A native of Tacoma, Washington, Mikal graduated from Curtis High School in 1974 and Washington State University in 1979 with a degree in Business (Finance emphasis) and minor emphases in Political Science and Economics. Mikal joined McCaw Communications in 1983 as one of their first employees in the cellular division. After starting up a number of operations in midwestern markets, Mikal became General Manager of McCaw's Cellular One operation in Salt Lake City in 1986, and moved to Tampa to manage their West Florida operations in 1987. In 1990, he moved back to Bellevue to manage McCaw's International operations.

In 1992 he co-founded Pacific Northwest Cellular, serving as Managing Director. After a series of acquisitions and mergers, he became Chief Operating Officer of Western Wireless in 1994, and its subsidiary, VoiceStream, in 1996. When VoiceStream was spun off in 1999, he became President of Western Wireless. He served in that capacity until Western was sold to Alltel in 2005. In 2006, he helped found Trilogy Partners, and is a Managing Director of their investment company today. Trilogy has invested about \$200 million in largely wireless and high tech companies focused in the Northwest. They also own and operate wireless systems in Bolivia, the Dominican Republic and New Zealand. In early 2011, Mikal led a group of local investors that purchased the Tacoma Rainiers baseball. He now serves as Chairman and CEO of the team.

Mikal and his wife Lynn live in Bellevue, Washington and have two sons, Sam and Pete. He is a past chairman of the Washington State University Foundation, and currently is a member of the Board of Governors, and has served on the WSU Research Foundation board, and the search committee for the immediate past and current Presidents of the University. He also serves on the boards of Jobaline, WineBid.com, The August Wine Group, Pacific Baseball Ventures, Cascina Spinasse, Cascade Cellular, and is former board chair of University Prep in Seattle. He has served on the board of the Museum of Glass in Tacoma, Western Wireless Corporation, IPCS, Snap-In, Airband, Protemo, Alliance of Angels and Dashwire.