

## Biography: Dr. Richard LeFaivre

Rick LeFaivre is a Partner at **OVP Venture Partners**, working out of the firm's Kirkland, Washington office. His investment focus spans traditional information technology ventures as well as companies working at the intersection of computer science, biology and nanotechnology as applied to advanced biotech and energy solutions.

Rick has over thirty years of accomplishment as a computer scientist, professor, R&D executive and venture advisor working at leading universities, high-technology companies and venture firms. He has served as VP of the Advanced Technology Group at **Apple Computer**, as SVP of R&D and CTO at **Borland International**, and held R&D management positions at **Silicon Graphics**, **Sun Microsystems** and **Tektronix**. He was a founding Partner of **IdeaEdge Ventures**, a San Diego-based venture development organization, and the **Software Patent Institute**, which advises the government on issues related to software patentability. He started his career as a professor in the computer science department at **Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey**, teaching and carrying out research in artificial intelligence and advanced programming technology, and later served as Executive Director of the **Von Liebig Center for Entrepreneurism and Technology Advancement** at the **University of California, San Diego**, focused on the effective commercialization of university-developed technology.



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