

Michael Rondelli, Program Manager, Technology Transfer

Michael Rondelli is the Director of Technology Transfer and Commercialization, responsible for the protection and commercialization of technologies developed at SDSU. He serves SDSURF through the patenting of inventions developed by SDSU faculty, analyzing the commercial values of those inventions, and developing licenses and spin-off companies that utilize those technologies. Additionally, he provides assistance in securing research grants for the continued development of technologies on campus.

Prior to joining the Research Foundation, Rondelli worked in the venture capital industry in New York as a specialist in business and strategic development. His experience includes acquisitions of public and private companies, purchasing companies from bankruptcy, business plan development, raising multi-million dollar venture capital rounds, and building marketing/sales teams. Venture funds he has worked for include Venture Credit, ICES Ventures and Iron Street Labs.

Rondelli began his career in investment banking as an analyst covering a broad range of companies in the pharmaceutical, biotech, banking, Internet, hi-technology, and software industries. Additionally, he worked at Citicorp performing anti-fraud research.

Rondelli is an active member of the Association of University Technology Managers, the Licensing Executives' Society, Bio, Biocom, San Diego Venture Group, Security Network, and the Software Industry Association. He also provides expertise in new company formation and business development to the Spin-Out Committee of the Center for the Commercialization of Advanced Technologies.

Rondelli earned his juris doctorate from the University of San Diego, his master's degree in business administration with an emphasis in finance from Texas Christian University, and his bachelor's degree in marketing (with honors) from Washington University in Saint Louis.