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After graduating from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering in 1990, Ruston began his career at Lockheed Martin providing engineering support to NASA for both the Space Station and Space Shuttle Programs in the field of aerothermodynamics. After 6 years in the space program, he transitioned into the world of consulting by taking a position with Accenture (then Anderson Consulting). Initially focused on large financial system implementations for the energy industry, Ruston transitioned into e-commerce when web-based marketplaces began to proliferate in the early 2000's.

Desiring to reduce the amount of travel required for consulting and spend more time with his young children, Ruston made another career change in 2005, leading the newly formed IT Project Management Office for Baylor College of Medicine. The transition from the energy industry to healthcare was a challenge, but with the experience from previous career changes and the support of peers, Ruston was able to quickly acclimate. During his 10 years at Baylor College of Medicine, Ruston led large clinical systems implementations, served as the Executive Director for IT Clinical Operations and served as a member of the operational planning committee for the Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center.

Transitioning back to consulting in 2015, Ruston is currently a Senior Manager with Accenture Health, responsible for growing and developing the Houston consulting market by providing innovative solutions that help clients deliver more effective, efficient and affordable healthcare. During his 12+ years in healthcare IT, Ruston has developed a broad understanding of the complexities involved in successfully integrating people, process and technology to deliver a better experience for both patients and providers.

Outside of work, Ruston has been active in community and faith-based organizations. He has been an active member of Cornerstone Baptist Church for over 20 years, serving multiple terms on the Board of Trustees. Ruston also served as Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 1282 for 4 years and a member of the Fresno Volunteer Fire Department for 5 years in the late 90's, early 2000's.

On a personal note, Ruston has been married to his wife Ellen for 28 years, and together they have raised their two children in the Fresno/Arcola area where they have lived for 26 years.