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--Marius de Beer, PAM

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Michael Ballé, PhD, co-author of The Gold Mine and The Lean Manager

#### About the Author

Dr. Jeffrey K. Liker is Professor of Industrial and Operations Engineering at the University of Michigan and president of Liker Lean Advisors, LLC. He is author of the international best-seller, The Toyota Way: 14 Management Principles from the World's Greatest Manufacturer, McGraw Hill, 2004 (26 languages, over 650,000 copies sold), and six other books about Toyota: (with David Meier) The Toyota Way Fieldbook, McGraw Hill, 2005, (with Jim Morgan), The Toyota Product Development System, Productivity Press, 2006, (with David Meier), Toyota Talent: Developing exceptional people the Toyota Way (May, 2007). and (with Michael Hoseus) Toyota Culture: The Heart and Soul of the Toyota Way (January, 2008). His two recent books are: The Toyota Way to Continuous Improvement and Toyota Under Fire: Lessons for Turning Crisis into Opportunity.

Gary L. Convis is a consultant to Dana Holding Corporation. Mr. Convis previously served as CEO of the company from April 2008 to January 2009, Vice Chairman in 2009 and Senior Advisor to the CEO in 2010. Prior to this Mr. Convis spent more than four decades at Toyota, General Motors Corporation, and Ford Motor Company. He became the first American president of Toyota's largest plant outside Japan, Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Kentucky (TMMK), in 2001. He was named chairman of TMMK in 2006 and retired in 2007. Prior to this, in 2003, he was the first American manufacturing executive appointed by Toyota Motor Corporation to be a managing officer, as well as Executive Vice President of Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing North America, Inc. Prior to serving in these roles, Mr. Convis spent 16 years at New United Motor Manufacturing, Inc., a joint venture between GM and Toyota. Previously, he spent more than 20 years in various roles with GM and Ford Motor Company.

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