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Sean Murphy is the founder and publisher of *Hemp Business Journal*, the hemp industry's premiere publication for market research and intelligence, and the *Hemp Summit*, an annual event for investors, operators and executives. In early 2018, *Hemp Business Journal* and the *Hemp Summit* were acquired by New Frontier Data, a leading provider of cannabis data and market insights.

Sean is a frequent speaker at hemp, cannabis and natural product conferences and source to the media, including Forbes, New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, Rolling Stone and Entrepreneur.com. He has spoken across the world including such locations as Hebrew University, Silicon Valley, the White House, Paris Climate Summit and the Vatican.

Previously, Sean was the managing partner of *Miracle Ventures*, an impact investment firm making seed stage investments across a variety of transaction styles including debt, bridge capital, reverse merges and equity financings. He continues to manage a small portfolio of angel investments.

As an entrepreneur, Sean co-founded, operated and exited *Vidstore* (acquired by TN Marketing) and *Fairway Properties* (FRYP) (acquired by Medient Studios), an exit which generated between a 50%-850% ROI for more than 30 investors.

Sean is a U.S. State Department Professional Fellow, White House Delegate on International Trade (Obama Administration), and Knight in the Order of Malta.

In his spare time, Sean is a hospice volunteer with the Twilight Brigade (over 2000 volunteer hours) and has received Congressional recognition for his dedicated service at the bedside of dying veterans in the Department of Veterans Administration.

Sean received a BA from the University of Notre Dame in Theology and Psychology and studied entrepreneurship and venture finance at the Mendoza College of Business. Mendoza was the #1 ranked undergraduate business school for five consecutive years (2009-2014) according to *Bloomberg*. Sean has completed the Kauffman Foundation's *Venture Deals* program and is an advisor to Rockies Venture's (RVC) diligence and investment analysis team.

For fun, Sean enjoys martial arts, yoga and hiking with his wife Emily. He is looking forward to being a Dad soon and is writing his first book chronicling the lessons learned on life and death (and funny stories!) from being a bedside volunteer in the VA.