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David Peter Stroh is a founding partner of Bridgeway Partners (www.bridgewaypartners.com), a consulting firm dedicated to helping people reframe and resolve intractable problems. He is also a founding director of the consulting group and informational website www.appliedsystemsthinking.com.

David was previously one of the founders of Innovation Associates, the consulting firm whose pioneering work in the area of organizational learning formed the basis for fellow co-founder Peter Senge's management classic *The Fifth Discipline*.

David is internationally recognized for his work in enabling leaders to apply systems thinking to achieve breakthroughs around chronic, complex problems and to develop strategies which improve system-wide performance over time. He is the author of the new book **Systems Thinking for Social Change:** A Practical Guide for Solving Complex Problems, Avoiding Unintended Consequences, and Achieving Lasting Results, which readers praise as "an essential - and long overdue - guide to applied systems thinking" that "shows you how to enlist others in the effort" by "masterfully weaving metaphor, story, and practical tools" using "down-to-earth language."

Over the course of his 40-year career, David has worked with organizations in the private, nonprofit, and public sectors – as well as with numerous multi-stakeholder groups committed to social change in such areas as early childhood development, K-12 education, public health, criminal justice, economic development, homelessness, and affordable housing. In addition to his consulting David has given workshops on applied systems thinking on six continents.

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