



Board of Director Bio:

John Persons

Tops Markets
Chief Operating Officers

John Persons currently serves as President and Chief Operating Officer for Tops Markets, which operates 157 full-service supermarkets and 60 gas stations in New York, Pennsylvania and Vermont.

John's supermarket career began as a cart clerk in 1984, but it was his promotion to store manager in 1992 that started him down the path towards roles of increasing responsibility and leadership within the organization.

Over his 37 years with Tops, John's roles have encompassed oversight for various aspects of the organization, including Operations, Sales & Marketing, Real Estate, and Information Technology, all leading up to his appointment to President and COO in 2015. He also served on the Board of Directors from 2013 until 2019.

Outside of Tops, John has served on the board of numerous Western New York not-for-profits, including his current role as Board Chair of The Children's Hospital of Buffalo Foundation.

John is a Western New York native and holds a B.A. and M.B.A. from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He and his wife, Amy, are the parents of four children and live in Clarence, NY.