



DETROIT, MI, Jan. 1, 2025 -- Kolene Corporation announced the promotion of Timothy D. Shoemaker to Chief Operating Officer for the corporation effective January 1, 2025. Mr. Shoemaker will continue to lead Kolene's sales efforts in several key revenue segments, including chemical sales, technical service, and equipment sales and project management.

Joining the company in 2012, Mr. Shoemaker began his career as a mechanical design engineer designing custom industrial systems and furnaces for full-service traditional molten salt bath cleaning and conditioning, and salt bath nitriding applications. During his time as a design engineer, Shoemaker was instrumental in working directly with Kolene's third-party fabricators, and the company's field service team to lead and supervise the installation of various equipment projects at the customer or end-user's production site.

In 2016, Shoemaker's understanding of Kolene's equipment and chemistry, along with his key relationships with the company's customers, allowed for the perfect segue into sales — eventually earning the role of Sales Manager in 2019. In fall of 2021, he was named Vice President of Sales, and a Kolene Corporation officer. Recently recognized by the industry, Mr. Shoemaker's consistent record of success earned him a place on the Heat Treat Today 40 Under 40 Class of 2024.

In his new COO role, Mr. Shoemaker will not only have responsibility for sales of the company, but he will also oversee Kolene's engineering, field service, and project management departments.

Shoemaker, 37, earned a BS from the University of Detroit Mercy in Mechanical Engineering, while competing as a Division 1 lacrosse player for the U of D Titans – ultimately being selected as a two year captain of the squad. Outside of work, Mr. Shoemaker is a scratch golfer and has played in numerous amateur events in Michigan. He, his wife Samantha, and their dog Sadie, reside in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Founded in 1939 by John H. Shoemaker, Detroit-based Kolene Corporation provides custom-designed and engineered equipment, specialized chemical formulations, and processes for cleaning and conditioning metal surfaces, as well as commercial heat treat applications. Kolene's products are used worldwide for casting cleaning, alloy descaling, coatings removal, engine rebuild, in specialized heat-treating needs, and other demanding industrial, automotive, and military applications. For more information visit www.kolene.com.