



## **Chris Shepard**

### *Career Consultant*

Chris Shepard is a Career Consultant at ClearRock, where he helps professionals navigate career transitions with clarity and confidence. Whether someone is pursuing a similar role, exploring a different direction, or trying to better understand what they want from their career, Chris guides them to identify practical next steps and move forward with purpose. Having navigated multiple career transitions himself—from engineer to designer, design leader, founder, and career consultant, he understands many of the challenges professionals face when considering what comes next.

Chris brings 15 years of experience across product design, technology leadership, entrepreneurship, and career coaching. He's been a hiring manager at multiple companies and enjoys demystifying the interview process. He seeks to help candidates uncover strengths and opportunities they may not see in themselves and communicate their value more effectively to potential employers. The job search can be daunting, and Chris believes it deserves the same level of support and guidance as other major life events.

Prior to ClearRock, Chris held product design and leadership roles at companies including ADP, Pegasystems, Smartsheet, Tulip Interfaces, and Ellevation Education. In 2022, he co-founded Wisiwig, a no-code software startup that was accepted into the MassChallenge '22 startup accelerator, where he gained firsthand experience with entrepreneurship, marketing, and fundraising. Chris holds a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

In addition to his work at ClearRock, Chris runs his own practice where he consults with professionals on job search strategy, career growth, and professional development. Outside of work, Chris enjoys traveling, poker, rock climbing, and learning Korean. As a Korean adoptee, he volunteers with the Korean American Adoptee Network (KAAN), supporting technology initiatives and community programming. Chris enjoys traveling to Korea regularly to reconnect with his birth family, culture, and community.