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CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES:
AUDITOR RISK ASSESSMENT

MODERATOR
DAVE SULLIVAN
Deloitte & Touche LLP
National Managing Partner, Quality & Professional Practice

As the National Managing Partner – Quality & Professional Practice at Deloitte & Touche LLP, Dave Sullivan leads the national office including the accounting, SEC services, audit policy and methodology, risk management, inspections, and regulatory functions. He also oversees the regional and local quality leaders. Dave serves as a member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors at Deloitte & Touche. He is a member of the Standing Advisory Group of the PCAOB, the Financial Accounting Standards Advisory Committee of the FASB, and of the Professional Practice Executive Committee of the CAQ.

Prior to this role, Dave served as the Deputy Managing Partner – Professional Practice, Audit; National Professional Practice Director, West Region; Professional Practice Director in the Silicon Valley and Orange County practices, and as the Industry Professional Practice Director for the Technology, Media and Telecommunications industry. Dave has served large Fortune 50 companies and on dozens of IPOs over his career. Dave has 35 years of public accounting experience. Dave served as a Practice Fellow at the FASB. He graduated from Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, CA.

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PHILLIP AUSTIN
BDO USA LLP
National Managing Partner of Auditing

As part of the national assurance leadership team of BDO USA, LLP, Phillip Austin has responsibilities for how audits are designed, audit strategy, transformation of the firm’s approach to audit execution, and delivering audit methodology consultations.

Phillip has over 26 years of public accounting experience serving both privately and publicly held companies as an engagement partner in various industries, including financial services, technology, services, manufacturing and mining. His experience includes auditing, ICFR attestation, as well as IFRS and US GAAP technical accounting advisory. He has substantial experience in establishing strategy and instituting transformation programs that change the way
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audits are delivered, and improves the audit experience for clients and professionals executing audits.

Phillip has experience in leading corporate governance initiatives, including audit committee education series and advising on board matters. He was a committee member to the King Committee on Corporate Governance of the Institute of Directors in the updates to the Institute's Code on Corporate Governance with a focus on Audit Committee Composition and Auditor Appointment.

PANELIST
MARK S. BEASLEY
North Carolina State University
Deloitte Professor of Enterprise Risk Management and Director, Enterprise Risk Management Initiative

Mark Beasley is the Deloitte Professor of Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) and Director of North Carolina State’s Enterprise Risk Management Initiative, which provides thought leadership about ERM practices and their integration with strategy and corporate governance. Mark has served in a number of leadership capacities, including service as President of the AAA’s Auditing Section. He served over seven years on the COSO board and is currently on the COSO Advisory Council that is responsible for revising COSO’s 2004 ERM framework. Mark is a frequent speaker at national and international conferences and frequently works with boards of directors and senior executives on risk oversight issues. Mark has authored over 100 research articles and business publications and he is the author of a leading auditing textbook. Prior to joining NC State, Mark served as a Technical Manager in the Audit and Attest Division of the AICPA and as an Audit Manager in the Nashville, TN office of Ernst & Young. He received a BS in accounting from Auburn University and a PhD from Michigan State University.

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ELIZABETH MILLER
KPMG LLP
Partner, Audit

Elizabeth Miller is an Audit Partner and serves as the firm’s National Audit Industry Leader for the retail sector in KPMG’s Department of Professional Practice. As the Retail National Audit Industry Leader, Elizabeth is responsible for supporting engagement teams in providing quality audit services to clients in the retail industry. In this role, she is also responsible for knowledge management and communications – helping to ensure that information about retail industry issues (including technical accounting and auditing matters), trends, best practices, and information about KPMG resources are communicated to engagement teams and clients. Elizabeth serves as a technical resource for partners and professionals to interpret auditing, accounting, and regulatory standards. She assists with the development of the firm’s Audit Methodology Guidance, publications and tools, as well as authoring and delivering training to the audit practice and external audiences. Elizabeth has a deep understanding of the PCAOB’s auditing and quality control standards and issues facing the auditing profession, as well as technical expertise in complex areas of accounting and reporting under US and SEC standards.

Elizabeth’s 20 years of experience includes audits of financial statements and internal controls over financial reporting, initial public offerings and secondary offerings, registrations statements and assistance with mergers and acquisitions and divestitures. Prior to her role in the National Office, Elizabeth spent three years abroad in Zurich, Switzerland working in KPMG’s US GAAP Accounting and Reporting group. Elizabeth was honored as KPMG’s 2016 Working Mother of the Year. She is the KPMG representative to the National Retail Federation’s Financial Executive Council. She has been an instructor for various firm and external technical trainings, and was a Co-Instructor of a Masters of Business Administration course at the University of Washington.

PANELIST
MARIA MOATS
PwC
US and Mexico Assurance Leader

Maria Moats is PwC’s assurance leader for the US and Mexico. In this capacity, she serves as a member of the US Leadership Team and the Global Assurance Executive Leadership Team. Maria’s leadership of the National Assurance Practice encompasses business strategy, quality and regulatory relations, innovation, risk management, portfolio strategy and business development, and human capital.

Maria’s professional experience spans accounting, financial reporting, investigations, and M&A. She has
led audits of both public and private entities, initial and secondary public offerings, private placement, and public debt registrations.

Prior to her current role, Maria served as the regional assurance leader for PwC’s East Region, overseeing operations for offices from Boston to Florida. From 2011 to early 2016, Maria was PwC’s chief diversity officer where she led the strategy and execution of the firm’s diversity and inclusion efforts. During that time, she led the firm to significant achievements, including the number one ranking on DiversityInc’s list of “50 Best Companies to Work For.”

Maria’s significant technical accounting and auditing experience led to her appointment in 2009 as a consulting partner in PwC’s National Office, advising partners, and engagement teams in assessing risk, including client and engagement acceptance, error evaluation and resolution, going concern, and investigations.

Prior to joining PwC, Maria was an internal auditor for a large financial institution where she acquired significant experience with the evaluation of internal controls.

Maria is fluent in Spanish and has traveled extensively on client assignments throughout the US, Europe, and Latin America.

In 2017, Maria was named number two on Fortune’s inaugural “50 Most Powerful Latina’s” list. She has a BBA from the University of Texas at El Paso, and is a CPA licensed in Texas, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and New York. She is a member of the AICPA and the Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting.

INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

MODERATOR
TAL GOLDHAMER
EY
Chief Learning Officer – Americas

Tal Goldhamer is the Chief Learning Officer for EY Americas.

Tal began his EY career 24 years ago as an intern. Over the years, he dedicated as much of his time as possible to learning and development, but it was never enough! Tal is thrilled to have this role where he has found his “home” and is excited about the opportunity to accelerate the development of our people and transform learning for EY Americas.

Tal comes from a client-service background, serving clients primary in the financial services sector, providing a wide range of assurance and advisory services to hedge funds, private equity funds, investments banks, and others.

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MICHAEL BECKER
BDO USA LLP
National Partner, Assurance Learning

Michael Becker has over 24 years of experience in public accounting, working in a variety of capacities. He has spent the last eight years in the National Assurance Department where he leads BDO’s national learning for all assurance professionals. This role includes designing, developing, implementing, and executing the continuous accounting and auditing curriculum for staff through partners that span group-live conferences, local office training, self-study modules, and other related on-demand learning resources.

Michael is a member of an executive strategy team, driving leadership development and professional growth across the firm. He also serves as a member of BDO International’s Advisory Group – Global Audit
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Training, a small international working group tasked with developing BDO’s global audit training comprehensive curriculum and underlying competency matrix. He currently serves as the At-Large Member to the AICPA Board of Examiners Content Committee, the group responsible for the technical content of the Uniform CPA Examination. He is also an active member at the Educational Management Exchange (EDMAX), a forum for learning professionals in the accounting profession to discuss and exchange ideas, challenges, adult learning trends, and innovative processes, tools, and learning platforms.

Michael spent 15 years in BDO’s Chicago Assurance Practice as a client service professional, coordinating and managing audit services. He has worked with a variety of clients both nationally and internationally, ranging from publicly held companies to privately held businesses and social service organizations. He also served three years as the Chicago practice’s Director of Internal Development focused on operational matters, such as productivity analysis, budget forecasting, staff utilization, and day-to-day managing and mentoring of the department’s staff and managers.

Michael serves on the Auditing Section and CAQ Access to Audit Personnel Review Committee. Michael is a CPA licensed in the State of New York. He holds a BBA from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Susan Crosson joined the AAA in 2015 as its first Director for the Center for Advancing Accounting Education. In addition, she teaches in the Modular Executive MBA program at Emory University. Prior to coming to the AAA, Susan served on the faculties of Emory University, Santa Fe College, University of Florida, Washington University in Saint Louis, University of Oklahoma, Johnson County Community College, and Kansas City Kansas Community College and worked in public accounting, banking, and higher education administration. Susan continues to be guided by her mission to create a learning process as individual as each student requires to master the course content and actively apply with confidence what’s learned. She speaks and writes on the effective use of technology throughout the accounting curriculum. In addition to her over 300 YouTube videos, Susan has co-authored several accounting textbooks, served on The Pathways Commission, and has been active in many accounting organization activities. Susan earned her master of science in accounting from Texas Tech University and her undergraduate degree in accounting and economics from Southern Methodist University. She is a CPA.

Eric Dingler serves as Managing Director and Chief Learning Officer (CLO) for Deloitte’s Audit & Assurance business. Eric’s specialization is in adult learning theory, organizational & human dynamics, change-management, and systems thinking - focusing on accelerating and sustaining shifts in mindsets and actions through building individual capabilities on a scale basis.

Eric joined Deloitte in 2008 as the consulting chief learning officer and in 2013 became the audit CLO. Prior to Deloitte, Eric held development leadership roles at Gap Inc., Bristol-Myers Squibb, and The Coca-Cola Company. He started his career with Arthur Andersen’s Audit Practice and subsequently the Business Consulting Practice. Eric was a former CPA, has a bachelor’s degree in accounting, and has an MBA.

Roger O’Donnell is an Audit Partner in KPMG’s New York office and is the Global Head of Data and Analytics of Audit. In this role, he is responsible for the global development and execution of the firm’s strategy in using data and analytics in the firm’s audit practice. Working with KPMG’s global advisory and tax data and analytic leaders, as well as innovators from the firm’s Global Solutions Center in Montvale, NJ, Roger identifies and helps teams create new capabilities for the global audit practice using data and analytics, process automation, and cognitive capabilities to improve audit quality. His work includes the firm’s efforts with strategic alliance partners such as
Microsoft and IBM. Prior to his current responsibilities, Roger served as the New York Metro Consumer and Industrial Markets Leader. In that role, he assisted in the coordination of tax, audit, and advisory service offerings to KPMG clients in New York consumer and industrial markets. Roger continues to currently serve as the Lead Audit Engagement Partner and Account Leader for multi-national consumer market companies. He has served as the Lead Partner on multiple public audit clients.

Roger has served multi-national companies for the majority of his career, dealing with the global issues facing his audit teams and clients. He has worked with global engagement teams in coordinating services provided by KPMG and dealt with all accounting and reporting matters raised at his clients. As the Engagement Partner on multi-national clients, Roger works directly with each of the KPMG teams in their countries.

Roger has significant experience in working with clients on mergers and acquisitions, initial public offerings, and various registration filings. Roger was also a member of KPMG’s US Capital Markets Practice assisting foreign companies in their registration with the SEC to sell equity or debt securities in the United States. As part of that position and the multinational companies that he has served, Roger has had extensive involvement with addressing significant financial reporting and accounting issues, and matters with clients and the SEC staff.