SKEPTICISM: THE PRIMARY WEAPON IN THE FIGHT AGAINST FRAUD

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OVERVIEW

Boards and management must take care to exercise a skeptical approach to financial reports and supporting information. It is not just auditors who must be concerned with maintaining appropriate professional skepticism. This point was stressed during a roundtable convened by the Anti-Fraud Collaboration, which comprises the Center for Audit Quality (CAQ), Financial Executives International (FEI), The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA), and the National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD). The implication is that because financial management plays a leading role in detecting financial fraud, it is incumbent on executives — not just auditors — to exercise appropriate levels of professional skepticism. The fraud and risk practice leaders at Crowe Soberman LLP and Crowe Risk Consulting will share some practical tips for how both auditors and non-auditors can exercise professional judgment to prevent and detect workplace fraud.

THE PRESENTERS

JIM BARBOUR, CPA, CIA, CRMA, CFSA, CFE – Managing Director, Crowe Risk Consulting. Jim has 18 years of experience in internal audit, risk management, accounting and financial reporting management. He has held various positions with global and Canadian companies, as well as global accounting firms in Canada and the US. He also managed various engagements of foreign and domestic operating sites for Enterprise Risk Management, Internal Audit and SOX/NI 52-109 financial controls reviews. Jim’s industry experiences cover the areas of financial services, consumer packaged goods, retail, media and entertainment, manufacturing, health care and public sector.

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