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Senior Manager in Association with WSR Consulting Group, LLC

Jerald M. Savin is an IT management consultant with over 30 years of IT consulting experience specializing in Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems. He has been involved in the assessment, selection, implementation, troubleshooting and support of ERP systems including providing expert testimony regarding these systems. His expertise combines information system architecture, scientific training, public accounting and business operations.

Areas of Expertise: Consulting

- Structure and Behavior of ERP systems
- Assessment of IT Strategy, Systems and Resources
- Selection, Implementation, Troubleshooting and Litigation Support for ERP Systems
- Design and Development of Business Intelligence and Predictive Analytics solutions
- Business aspects of ERP Contracts
- Development and Auditing of IT Internal Control Compliance (SOX/CobiT)
- Forensic investigation of ERP failures
- Interim CIO services

Areas of Expertise: Litigation Support and Expert Testimony

- Negotiating IT system and services contracts
- Providing expert testimony in disputes involving failed ERP implementations
- Providing expert testimony in disputes involving ERP Project Management failures
- Providing expert testimony regarding software intellectual property infringement
- Assembling internal and external evidence for litigation support projects

Sampling of Expert Witness Cases include:

“Bait and Switch”

- Customer agreed to a maximum cost for an ERP implementation; costs escalated well beyond the upper limit set by the Customer
- We determined that the counterparty, the ERP reseller, could not implement the system within the agreed upon budget and statement of work
- We identified internal documents that confirmed the counterparty knew the original agreement was impossible; hence, the subsequent increases to a more realistic cost and schedule
- We confirmed that the counterparty did not follow its due diligence and project management procedures and misrepresented its services, costs and results

Software Delivery Failure

- Developer failed to deliver a custom ERP developed system to its customer
- We confirmed that software was un-installable, and the developer had not fulfilled its contract obligations with its plaintiff customer

Intellectual Property Infringement

- Plaintiff was in merger talks with a competitor. The merger talks terminated after six months and the competitor brought to market a system remarkably similar to the plaintiff's system
- We examined the internal design and construction of the infringing system and confirmed that the similarities between the two systems were beyond coincidence

Employment History

He is currently the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Cambridge Technology Consulting Group, Inc., which focuses exclusively on IT Consulting. He concurrently performs expert witness work at WSR Consulting Group, LLC, as a Senior Manager. He began his professional career in the management consulting division of KPMG in 1979 specializing in accounting information systems. Prior to that, he was a Clinical Department Manager for the Cedars Sinai Medical Center and Chief Operating Officer for two medical groups. He grew up in the family food manufacturing business.

Professional Activities & Memberships

- Fellow, Institute of Management Consultants USA (IMCUSA)
- National Chairman, National Treasurer, Chairman of the Governance and Audit Committee, and Board Member of the Institute of Management Consultants USA (IMCUSA)
- Lead Trustee of IMCUSA to the International Council of Management Consulting Institutes (ICMCI)
- Twice President of Southern California Chapter of IMCUSA
- Member, Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA)
- Former member of California Society of Certified Public Accountants (CSCPA)
- Former member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and holder of AICPA designation Certified Information Technology Professional (CITP)
- On the Boards of Directors of 2 Non-Profit organizations

Education & Teaching

Mr. Savin holds a B. S. in Physics and Mathematics from the University of Oregon, a M.Th. in Philosophy and Psychology from Claremont School of Theology and the Award in Accounting from UCLA Extension. He is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) licensed in the State of California, a Certified Management Consultant (CMC), a Fellow of the Institute of Management Consultants USA (FIMC) and was formerly a California licensed Marriage, Family and Child Counselor (MFCC).

Mr. Savin teaches courses for UCLA Extension, UCR Graduate School of Management and CSUN. He has taught for the University of Redlands, the Education Foundation of the California Society of Certified Public Accountants (CSCPA), American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Washington State Society of Certified Public Accountants and California State Polytechnic University at Pomona.

His courses include ERP/Automated Accounting Systems, CobiT (Control Objectives for IT and Related Technologies), Sarbanes-Oxley Compliance and Management Consulting. He has also taught courses on Selection and Implementation of Complex Business Systems, Systems Development, Management Accounting and Business Transition Planning.