

Webinar on

Managing The Audit Function In A Global Company

Areas Covered

Fundamentals of Auditing

Auditors and organizations

Auditors and reporting relationships in complex companies

The mission of corporate departments....
Theory Z

Goal: Independent experts that support responsible problem-solving
Executive charge
The role of HR

Examples, issues, and outcomes

The growing need for corporate problemsolvers



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On-Demand Webinar

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Webinar Description

Whether your company is small or large each should have at least one independent yet experienced individual or department that can be relied on to resolve issues from these and other perspectives: quality assurance, regulatory affairs, and corporate risk management.

While companies rely on audits to remain in compliance everyone is eventually faced with a complex issue that requires examination from an outsider with unique problem-solving skills. Employees in this role typically report to executive management and are driven by personal goals and a high level of external standards.

Companies in a typical "routine mode" will fail, sometimes fatally by not establishing, developing or creatively using independent experts who are still company employees.



The author has seen numerous instances where internal but independent problem-solvers can provide acute, accurate and perceptive analysis of culture-bound problems. Further, such employees provide additional resources on an as-needed basis and can be employed in numerous settings to strengthen, investigate or support problem resolutions. For example in today's world of ongoing changes, the trained auditor can independently highlight the "macro" or longer-term trends such as outsourcing, the changes in regulatory strategies and even trends in employee training. From a different perspective specific issues such as drifts in FDA-mandated specifications, changes in product chemistries, the impact of vendor management, cyber security challenges, etc., may all be bound to business practices and resistant to all but executive-mandated changes.

This type of broad-spectrum analysis is routinely needed in regulated industries and it is incumbent on organizations to creatively envision and develop talent to evaluate technical, macro and micro issues as required.



FDA and worldwide health authorities require that compliance and quality system audits be performed and those audits need to comply with: (1) Company guidelines, (2) Applicable consensus standards, (3) Domestic and international product-specific requirements, and, (4) Country-specific regulations.

Larger companies have more complex organizations with as many as two or three levels of auditors. In many of those settings a corporate audit group exists and that group can deliver additional and a unique set of tools — but only if the company or manager has the vision to develop exceptional talent. Practitioners can deliver education, training, project management, consulting, auditing and investigational services, enforcement and more.

However all companies will benefit from an individual or a department whose level of experience is unique, whose skill set is growing and whose judgment reflects a complex regulated world built on combinations of education, experience, maturity, contemporary risk management and more.



Who Should Attend?

VP's, Directors and Managers of the audit function

Corporate compliance personnel

Legal counsel

HR staffing and organizational development





Why Should Attend?

This unique first-of-its-kind presentation focuses on the needs, skills, opportunities, and benefits of an independent audit group, typically a "corporate" department charged with making independent assessments.

While most easily set in in larger or multi-national companies, companies of all sizes typically have one group or function with a different scope and range of authority, particularly when set against the plant, divisional and corporate separations of duties.

A corporate audit group is typified by its reporting relationship to executive management, its accumulation of skills and expertise, its independence from all other groups and in some cases its ability to troubleshoot and solve problems of unusual complexity, urgency, and consequence.



Benefits and goals of this discussion include a review of these and other points:

Benefits and characteristics of a corporate or independent audit function

Utilizing a rigorous selection process coupled with HR and a specific personal development practice

Establishing corporate centers of learning ("colleges") covering quality assurance, regulatory affairs, a compliance

Focusing independent reviewers on sites, processes, and issues that have been previously audited by other groups

Providing insights into compliance trends utilizing internal and external data sources

Managing a guest audit function to cultivate expertise and to employ a fresh set of eyes for both routine and emergency use

Supporting executives as they manage product and compliance risk through independent assessments and investigations





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