

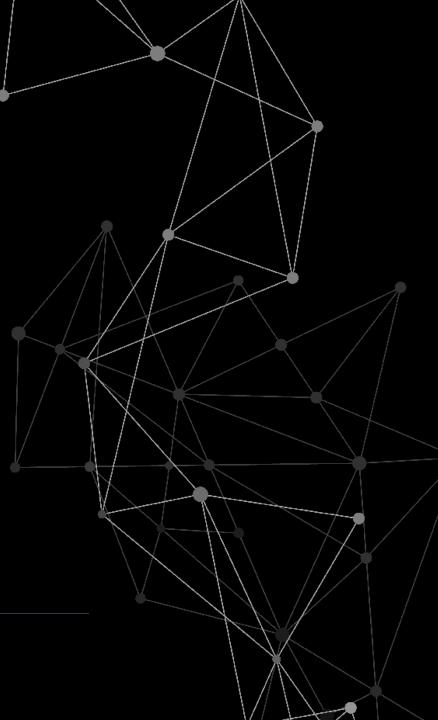
#### BUSINESS ETHICS LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE (BELA)

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#### Wednesday, February 9, 2022

#### Virtual Roundtable

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#### AGENDA

1:00pm – 1:15pm	Welcome, Rules of Engagement & Introductions
1:15pm – 2:45pm	<ul> <li>Risk and Resiliency: Developing Effective Compliance Risk Assessments and Processes Discussion Leads: Greg Radinsky, CCO, Northwell Health and Don Sinko, CIO, Cleveland Clinic</li> <li>An Overview of Risk Assessment Best Practices</li> <li>Leveraging Enterprise Risk Management</li> <li>Tips on Collaborating with Internal Audit</li> <li>Best ways to Utilize Artificial Intelligence and Traditional Data Sources</li> <li>Assessing the Risk Assessment Process Maturity Level</li> </ul>
	Open Discussion and Q&A
2:45pm – 3:00pm	Closing Remarks

#### **Ethisphere BELA Roundtable**

#### Risk and Resiliency: Developing Effective Compliance Risk Assessments and Processes

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## Variety of Risk Assessments

Risk assessments can take many forms and we do them every day or periodically

- Go to work today?
- Should I ask the CEO that question?
- Multiple types of formal risk assessments:
  - Enterprise Risk
  - Corporate Compliance
  - Internal Audit
  - > Cybersecurity
  - Quality and Safety



## **Polling Question**

Do you participate in your organization's Enterprise Risk Management process?

- (a) Yes
  (b) No
  (c) N/A (organization)
- (c) N/A (organization does not have an ERM Process)



#### **Risk Assessment Basics for Compliance Officers** *Michelle Cooper and Don Sinko*

#### **¶60,000** Introduction

\* Every individual, including compliance officers, has conducted or participated in a risk assessment. Risk assessments occur all day long. For example, consider the following scenario:

Joe Smith woke up this morning to his alarm clock and asked himself, "Do I have a meeting first thing this morning or can I hit the snooze button?" Likely, he undertook a risk assessment to make his decision. He asked the following questions: "What do I have on my schedule today? How much work do I have to get done?" and "What would be the impact if I slept in a little longer?" Once he assessed the impact, he probably considered how his day would be affected by his decision - how often he slept in previously, how likely his tardiness would be noticed, his ability to correct the result of his tardiness before it was realized by others?

Joe just conducted a risk assessment. As will be described later in this chapter, Joe just evaluated the inherent risk of the activity (or lack thereof). He also evaluated the controls he had in place to mitigate the risk. First, he may have hit that trusted snooze button a couple of times. He also may have evaluated the residual risk, the amount of risk that exists after internal controls are in place. Joe may have determined the level of risk impact, his vulnerabilities, and evaluated the current control environment in light of the risk. Based on this risk assessment, he may have decided to sleep only until the next alarm sounds or he may have decided to get out of bed and get ready for work.

An effective method for discovering and evaluating an organization's compliance risk areas is to perform a compliance risk assessment. In the Office

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Risk assessments take many forms. They can take the form of a simple gap analysis or a complicated underwriting evaluation. The risk process may be formal and occur only once a year or quarterly or on an as needed basis. A risk assessment is simply a mechanism used to identify and evaluate key exposures (vulnerabilities or weaknesses) and establish plans for mitigating overall organizational risks.

Compliance officers are charged with developing and overseeing the compliance risk assessment process. Because compliance officers come from varying backgrounds, the approach to developing a risk assessment program will vary based upon previous experience, training, and organizational resources.

This chapter will provide the elements of an effective risk assessment program, provide methodologies, tools, and resources for implementing and operating a risk assessment program, and recommendations for effective implementation.

#### **¶60,005** Definitions

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Some key definitions are a good starting point. There are many variations of the definitions below, but for purposes of this chapter, the following defi-

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<sup>1</sup> OIG Compliance Program Guidance for Hospitals, February 1, 1998.



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# **Identifying Areas of Risk**

- Interviews of key personnel, including the Board
- Open-ended surveys
- Compliance hotline reports
- Employee exit interviews
- External work plans from OIG and OMIG
- Prevalent industry topics
- Internal data mining, through third party software
- Prior year audits / internal audit reports



# **Polling Question**

Do you collaborate with Internal Audit as part of your risk assessment process?

- (a) Yes
- (b) No

(c) N/A (Compliance/Internal Audit same department)



## **Polling Question**

Do you use artificial intelligence as part of your risk assessment process?

(a) Yes (b) No





# **Typical Open-Ended Survey Questions**

- What risks keep you up at night?
- What do you think are the top ten compliance risks?
- Are there processes or procedures you are aware of that you are not comfortable with?
- What is the number one compliance risk we should focus on?



#### **Questions for Group Discussion**

Who has done an enterprise risk assessment in the past year?

- How did you accomplish in light of work-from-home situation?
- What new data inputs have you used recently?

What about a targeted risk assessment?

- Risk-specific, Regional or Business Unit?
- Strategy employed for that decision and execution

Let's discuss experiences with top-down and/or bottom-up methodology?

• What has worked well for you in the past? Lessons learned?



## **Categorizing Identified Risk Areas**

Risks can be categorized by enterprise risk area, and then compliance risk area:

- Cybersecurity
  - Privacy
- Operations
  - ➤ FCPA
- Strategic
  - Anti-trust



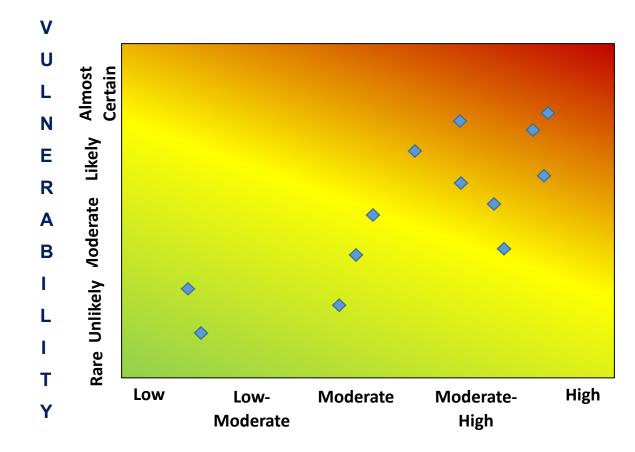
# **Prioritizing Identified Risks**

- For each risk:
  - > What is the likelihood of it happening?
    - Vulnerability rating
  - > What is the impact if it does happen?
    - Severity rating
- Risk scoring to determine the rating
- Classify as high, medium, low





#### Sample Risk Heat Map



**Risk Impact** 



#### **Risk Tolerance**

Senior management and the Board need to identify:

- Organization's appetite for risk
- How the risk should be prioritized

Risk tolerance can range from total avoidance to total acceptance



## **Risk Appetite**

Risk Appetite needs to consider the following:

- Psychological considerations
  - Comfort with the risk
- Cultural considerations
  - Impact on mission and values
- Strategic considerations
  - Impact on strategic initiatives
- Capacity considerations
  - Resources available



#### **Risk Assessment Resource Guide**

Compiled semi-annually and the areas covered include:

- The status of ongoing Compliance initiatives
- Key changes and updates to pertinent rules and regulations
- Risk profile chart
- Financial data and benchmarks





#### **Risk Assessment Resource Guide (cont.)**

- Government audits and trends
- Internal audits conducted
- Voluntary regulatory disclosures
- Industry developments
- Compliance Help-Line trend analysis



# **Polling Question**

How would you rate the maturity of your risk assessment process?

- (a) Very Mature
- (b) Mature
- (c) Average
- (d) Still working on it







#### **Questions for Group Discussion**

Once your risk assessment is complete, what comes next?

- How have you developed prioritized mitigation plans and achieved buy-in from the business?
- How do you track program initiatives resulting from the risk assessment?
- What is the cadence for the next assessment? Enterprise and/or targeted?

What are some emerging risks you are monitoring/considering in 2022?



# **Thank You!**

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