Internal Audit and GRC - Challenges and Solutions to Alignment

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Session Abstract

For Internal Audit (IA) to truly become that "third line of defense", this means aligning their efforts with other Governance, Risk and Compliance (GRC) functions. In this new world, IA's requirement for independence sometimes runs up against the need to coordinate disciplines, methodologies, activities and results.

This session will discuss approaches, ideas and experiences where organizations made this work to their advantage - improving their audit coverage, better satisfying external auditors and regulators, and bringing their IA function into this new world.

Target Audience

Who will benefit from this session: Internal Auditors that are interested in how to better leverage other functions in their company to fulfill their internal audit obligations.
Expected skill-level: Intermediate to Advanced

Speaker Bio

Patrick is currently a GRC Strategist for the RSA Archer organization, where he helps drive the direction of the Audit Management and Business Continuity solutions. Prior to RSA, Patrick spent over 20 years leading internal audit, business continuity, strategic planning, process improvement and related activities at Fortune 500 companies in both practitioner and consulting roles.

Patrick has developed a broad perspective working with analysts, partners and customers spanning such industries as financial services, higher education, manufacturing, high-tech, healthcare, and media and hospitality. He has been a speaker for the Institute of Internal Auditors, Disaster Recovery Journal, RSA Archer Summit, Financial Executives Networking Group, Association of Continuity Planners, Audit World and the Information Systems Audit and Control Association. Patrick has also contributed various thought leadership articles for Continuity Insights, Internal Auditor Magazine, SC Magazine and Disaster Recovery Journal.

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