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Jim Cook has 40 years of experience, including 28 years in Global Client Service Partner roles for major clients such as TRW Automotive, Whirlpool Corporation, McDonald’s Corporation, S.C. Johnson and Son, Inc., and others. Through these and other relationships, Jim has developed a deep understanding of global business issues.

Over the years, Jim has held a variety of responsibilities at Ernst & Young. He has served as Americas Director of Industries, as Regional Director of Assurance and Advisory Business Services, and as Director of the Global Consumer Products Center. In these roles, he was deeply involved in the development and implementation of numerous Global and Americas-wide strategy, operations and client service initiatives. Jim also has held various roles related to the recruiting and development of our people. Jim has been a member of the Global Accounts Advisory Group, and has been involved in various activities relating to the development of assurance services for global clients.

Jim is a 1971 graduate of the University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign) and holds a B.S. degree in Accountancy. He is Past Chair of the University’s College of Business Dean’s Council, Past President of the Business Alumni Association, and a past member of the Board of the University Alumni Association. He has lectured at the University on a variety of accounting and auditing topics. Jim also has served on the boards of several Chicago-based charitable and non-profit organizations, including Inroads and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Jim is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Illinois CPA Society.

Pam Cook received her BS (2007) and MAS (2008) degrees from the University of Illinois. She is a Senior Auditor with Deloitte LLP, serving clients in the aerospace and defense, and retail services industries. Pam’s primary clients include The Boeing Company and Reyes Holdings. Pam has experience performing quarterly reviews, Sarbanes-Oxley testing, engagement coordination, and year-end auditing and reporting procedures.

Pam is a member of Deloitte’s University of Illinois Core Recruiting Team, and spends extensive time on campus representing the firm. She also is a member of the College of Business Young Alumni Committee. While attending the College, Pam studied abroad at the Vienna University of Economics, and also served as a Graduate Teaching Assistant for Accountancy 201.