

Felix Ramirez

Professional Experience

Felix is an experienced professional with a wide range of experience in management consulting and risk advisory services focused primarily on financial services organizations. Felix has demonstrated leadership effectiveness in project management, human capital development and client relations and is a strategic thinker with strong operations and process analysis capabilities.

Throughout his career, Felix has worked with Fortune 500 global organizations in the areas of integrated internal audit, IT risk management, IT internal audit, financial statements audit, IT Governance, compliance, and third party reporting. Prior to joining Riebeeck Stevens, Felix was a Senior Manager with Ernst & Young and a Manager for KPMG and PwC. Felix conducted audits of colleges and universities as part of the HERON audit team of KPMG. As part of Riebeeck Stevens, Felix continues to assist major global clients in banking and capital markets, asset management and insurance, with risk assessments, management and mitigation strategies.

Recent successful engagements include:

- ▶ Assisting a major investment banking organization in defining the scope of a SAS 70 engagement, identifying the areas of risk and evaluating and remediating deficiencies in business and IT processes. Working closely with internal audit and business executives, a pre-assessment of all areas of the business was performed and is currently undergoing the audit conducted by a big 4 accounting firm. Felix is managing the project and coordinating all internal aspects of the audit.
- ▶ Coordinated the IT audit work of a major New York bank with global operations and IT. Felix was the global coordinator of the audit and as a result of that needed to make presentations to high level executives of the company in Europe, Americas and the Far East. Supervising a team of IT risk professional, Felix was successful in completing this audit during a period of seven years.
- ▶ Global coordinator of the external audit of the leasing arm of one of the largest manufacturer of computer equipment and peripherals in the world. Felix was the audit manager for the global operations of the business. The requirements of this engagement led him to work with and coordinate the activities of three different teams around the world having to deal with the convergence of different professional standards and regulatory requirements.
- ▶ Led the global efforts of a major insurance company based in New York City with global operations. As part of this engagement, Felix effectively utilized his technical and interpersonal skills to work extensively in Latin America and the Far East during the implementation of standards and procedures required to ensure compliance with recently enacted regulations on financial reporting and internal controls.
- ▶ As third party reporting team leader for two of the big four accounting firms, Felix has worked closely with internal audit departments in identifying audit requirements and establishing audit plans based on the evaluation of risks faced by the organizations. Felix worked closely with the internal audit services professionals of the big four firms to provide his expertise in defining the audit universe and establishing an audit plan.

Certification and membership

Felix holds an MBA and is a certified information systems auditor. As President of the ISACA New York Metropolitan Chapter, Felix is actively involved in numerous professional activities. He is also a member of the AICPA and an Adjunct Professor and NYU and St. John's University.

Languages

Felix is fluent in English and Spanish and possesses basic knowledge of Portuguese and Italian.