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July 1, 2010 - Five Ways IA Leaders Ruin Their Careers

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2 NASBA CPE (Live event only)

Field of Study: Auditing

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- We are increasingly asked by many CFOs and Internal Audit (IA) Leaders alike about what makes the "ideal" candidate to lead the Internal Audit function. Many of the preconceived answers focus on technical skills and regulatory awareness. These are important for sure but they are not the whole story.
- The CAE role is one where nuance, assertiveness and diplomacy must be used effectively to carry out the department's charter.
- This would be an excellent session for the new CAE, especially those transitioning into the role from outside of IA.

Michael Bechara is Managing Director of Granite Consulting Group Inc. an internal audit and financial management consultancy based in New York. His work includes advising organizations on risk assessment, internal audit and financial planning & analysis. Michael typically works with CFOs and Audit Committees to build sustainable governance, control and financial management processes. Under Michael's leadership, Granite Consulting Group has developed a neural networks based risk model that uses artificial intelligence to identify risks within an organization for planning purposes. This process is customized to each client, becomes stronger over time and draws upon the existing knowledge and culture of the company. A former Chief Internal Auditor, he has worked for companies such as Daimler, Pepsi and EDO. Michael has given frequent presentations to Company boards and conferences. He has recently presented at the Rocket City Contracting Conference in Huntsville, AL.

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