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Mr. Ezzell currently leads the legislative and regulatory activities of Deloitte LLP and its affiliated entities. He is an active participant in public policy matters that have an impact on the accounting profession and regularly meets with Members of Congress to inform them on the views of Deloitte and the accounting profession. He also deals with various Federal and state regulators on matters impacting the profession. His professional activities include establishment of a major project within the AICPA Foundation to increase the number of PhDs teaching auditing and tax in university accounting programs. He has worked closely with the 80 largest accounting firms and the state CPA Societies to raise $17 million to fund this expansion of PhD candidates.

From 1998 through 2004, Bill was a member of the Board of Directors of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and served as its Chairman from 2002-2003. As Chairman of the AICPA, Bill focused on restoring credibility to the accounting profession and emphasizing the profession’s core values of objectivity, integrity and independence. He was directly involved in the enactment of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and implementing regulations that have brought about significant change to the profession.

Bill began his professional career with Deloitte in Greensboro, North Carolina after receiving his BS degree in Business Administration/Accounting from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Bill has been with Deloitte for 36 years. He has served as lead audit partner on many public company audits and, before assuming his current duties, he led Deloitte’s audit practice for banks, savings & loans, and mortgage banks as the Firm’s National Audit Partner for Financial Institutions.

From 1992 to 2002, Bill established and served as chairman of, and the Deloitte representative to, a large-firm special task force established to reform liability laws affecting the accounting profession. The Washington, DC based task force, The Accountants Coalition, continues to work closely with the AICPA and each state CPA society on legislative and regulatory issues. The Coalition worked with the AICPA and state societies in advancing the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and the Securities Litigation Uniform Standards Act of 1998.

Bill is a frequent speaker and panelist at corporate governance forums and accounting conferences discussing current and emerging issues of interest to audit committees, corporate management, auditors and others.