

Improving Audit Quality

Learning from Inspection Findings

AGENDA

Nobody enjoys going through an inspection or peer review, but it is necessary to maintain audit quality. This interactive course uses “real-life scenarios” to help engagement teams minimize inspection findings and perform higher quality audits. Mini-case studies, group discussions, and review of actual deficiencies reinforce key learning concepts.

WHAT IS AUDIT QUALITY AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT

Audit Quality in the News

Current State of Audit Quality

Root Cause Analysis

“Audit quality is at the core of what we do... GAAP Dynamics managed to bring useful insights in a manner that kept everyone engaged... as it was relevant to our day-to-day activities.”

- Partner, Big 4 member firm

PROFESSIONAL SKEPTICISM

Importance of Exercising Professional Skepticism

Application Guidance

OVERVIEW OF RELEVANT GUIDANCE

Auditing Standards

- General concepts, principles, and responsibilities
- Audit risk, planning, and risk assessment
- Internal controls
- Substantive analytical procedures
- Audit sampling
- Confirmations
- Auditing accounting estimates / use of specialists
- Audit documentation and conclusions
- Auditor communications

Other Guidance

- Staff Audit Practice Alerts (SAPAs)
- Auditor’s Reporting Model and Critical Audit Matters (CAMs)

LEARNING FROM INSPECTION FINDINGS

The PCAOB and Their Inspection Process

- Summary of inspection results and trends

Peer Review Requirements and Trending Issues

Engagement Quality Reviews

Areas of Frequent Findings

- Testing internal controls
- Assessing and responding to audit risk
- Auditing estimates, including fair value measurements

THE WAY FORWARD

PCAOB Inspections Outlook – Key Areas of Focus

Global Audit Quality and Firm Initiatives

CAQ’s Audit Quality Disclosure Framework

Convergence of Auditing Standards

