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Profile: Steve is a multi-faceted professional with a wide variety of experiences in both public and private companies who is able to move seamlessly across disciplines. His range of experiences includes capital markets, internal and external financial reporting, accounting operations, systems development and financial modeling. Steve is never content with meeting only the minimum requirements for a project, instead focusing on the next stage of a company's required development. He is an effective leader and communicator and possesses considerable problem-solving and analytical skills. Steve joined Howard Roark Consulting in July 2011. Married to his high school sweetheart for over twenty-five blissful years, Steve's passions include wine, music, travel and his three dysfunctional rescue dogs.

Professional: **i-wireless, LLC:** *Vice President and Controller, 2007 – 2011.*
Formica Corporation: *Director of Financial Reporting, 2005 – 2007.*
Cincinnati Bell Inc.: *Director of Capital Markets, 2004 – 2005. Senior Manager, Finance, 2002 – 2004. Senior Manager, External/SEC Reporting, 1998 – 2002.*
Cincinnati Bell Telephone: *Various Accounting and Finance Roles, 1988 – 1998.*
The Ohio River Company, Inc.: *Senior Accountant, 1986 – 1988.*

Education: Northern Kentucky University, *BS – Accounting*
Certified Public Accountant

Experience: Implemented processes for financial reporting, shared services, tax planning, tax compliance, inventory operations and revenue assurance covering 2,000+ retail locations for a rapidly growing "start-up" national wireless company that grew to more than \$50 million in five years. In response to such rapid revenue growth, continuously improved monthly close process and led auditor transition from a small local CPA firm to a "Big Four" firm.

Managed accounting research function for an \$800 million global manufacturer of laminates, stone and solid surfacing materials. Participated in the issuance of a new \$270 million multi-currency credit facility and \$135 million in floating-to-fixed interest rate swaps as part of the company's emergence from bankruptcy protection.

Participated in refinancing more than \$800 million of outstanding and newly issued debt, as well as the issuance of \$350 million in fixed-to-floating interest rate swaps for a \$1.4 billion multi-faceted telecommunications company. Maintained on-going relationships with the company's banking syndicate and managed debt covenant compliance related to same.

Authored Forms 10-K, 10-Q, and other regulatory filings as necessary for two entities with publicly outstanding equity and debt securities. Also participated in the development of registration statements supporting a \$3 billion acquisition and the equity carve-out and spin-off of an \$800 million subsidiary into a separate publicly-traded company.

Developed financial models that supported regulatory filings covering more than \$300 million in revenue for an incumbent local exchange telecommunications carrier.