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Profile

Edward Olson is a Regional Leader with MNP's Enterprise Risk Services practice and National Leader of the Environmental, Social and Governance practice based in Kelowna, British Columbia. Drawing on more than two decades of Canadian and international experience in public practice and industry, Edward delivers practical and meaningful business advice to private and public sector clients.

Service Line

Edward assists his clients with environmental, social and governance sustainability awareness and adoption including identification, measurement, management and reporting of financially material issues. He also provides enterprise risk management, internal audit, corporate governance, regulatory compliance, process efficiency, performance improvement and value for money audits. This includes identifying barriers to success, opportunities for value generation, as well as understanding the underlying business processes and controls necessary to ensure strategic priorities are achieved regardless of organization or industry. He works directly with executive leadership teams, boards, internal audit and compliance departments as well as industry regulators. He has deep industry experience in utilities, financial services, educational services, public sector as well as government and government agencies.

Industry Experience

Prior to joining MNP, Edward led the Advisory Services practice for a Canadian public accounting firm providing internal audit and risk management guidance to clients from government and private sector clients in the Northwest Territories to electric utilities in Central America and the Caribbean.

Edward was the Chief Audit Executive (CAE) leading internal audit and risk management at a Canadian electric power and gas distribution/retail company. This experience gives him the ability to help organizations in all aspects of risk-based internal audit planning, detailed internal audit fieldwork, reporting to executive leadership teams as well as boards of directors, and



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Education

Bachelor of Commerce Co-op Degree
in Accounting, University of Alberta,
1998

Associations/Certifications

CPA Alberta

CPA British Columbia

CPA Saskatchewan

CIA Institute of Internal Auditors

Association of Certified Fraud
Examiners

Languages

English

interacting directly with respective regulators.

He also has practical business understanding. Edward was the General Manager for an alternative energy company and was responsible for assessing the business, political landscape, financial modelling and legal construct for building and expanding the business model. This included working with the respective regulator, developers for designing, owning, operating and maintaining regulated utility thermal assets, and customers to help them address an array of goals from deferred maintenance to reduction of greenhouse gas emissions as part of a sustainability strategy.

His experience also includes evaluating the implications and impacts of greenhouse gas reductions and the need of clientele to identify the existence of carbon credits for potential sale or offset as part of emission strategies. This included assisting his clients with establishing management systems to ensure data integrity of new technology platforms, as well as the frameworks required to effectively manage and report on environmental targets and achievements.

Edward was also a partner in a boutique firm where he acted as an outsourced Chief Audit Executive for several clients in the financial services industry. During this time he also helped organizations strengthen their enterprise risk management programs, including implementing the core risk program at one of the top 15 utilities in North America covering operations in Canada, the United States, the Caribbean as well as Central America.