



DEBRA BANNING JOINS JEFFERSON WELLS AS GLOBAL DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SECURITY CENTER OF EXPERTISE

MILWAUKEE – August 19, 2010 – Jefferson Wells, a global provider of risk advisory, tax, and finance and accounting-related services, announced that Debra Banning has joined Jefferson Wells as global director of the Information Security Center of Expertise. In this role, Banning will provide the strategic direction as well as lead the day-to-day operations of the Information Security Center of Expertise. She will be based out of the firm's Washington, DC market.

With the recent spike in information security breaches across the globe, information security is a hot-button issue for organizations of all sizes. Any breach can quickly destroy the confidence of customers, investors and employees. With tight budgets and stretched resources, the pressure to ensure an organization's information is protected while still keeping pace with complex global, federal, state and industry-specific privacy and regulatory requirements is greater than ever before.

"Jefferson Wells is in a unique position to enhance our clients' information security functions and meet the growing demand for deep expertise and talent. From healthcare and government entities to financial institutions and retail companies, organizations are looking for assistance in developing and monitoring information security management systems that address information security risks and protect valuable information assets.," said John LeBlanc, vice president of product management for Jefferson Wells. "Debra has an extensive background in providing information security services and trusted guidance to organizations of all kinds, and we are excited to add her knowledge and experience to our team."

Banning has more than 20 years of information and cyber security experience with expertise in governance and program development, strategy and roadmap development, risk management, security architectures, compliance, and policies and standards. Prior to joining Jefferson Wells, Banning was a principal with Booz Allen Hamilton, a management and technology consulting services firm, and served in a senior technical security role with Sparta, Inc. in Lake Forest, California.

Banning holds a bachelor's degree in computer science from George Mason University and a master's degree in computer science from California State University. She is a frequent speaker and writer on information security-related topics, including articles in InformationWeek, Strategy+Business and Government Security News, and seminars for the Federal Trade Commission, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Defense and Department of Energy.

Information Security Center of Expertise

The Information Security Center of Expertise offers Jefferson Wells' clients access to focused, in-depth expertise for specific processes and technical issues pertaining to information security and technology, focusing on effectively and efficiently managing information security risk and compliance across an organization. The Center of Expertise is comprised of former chief information security officers, senior IT managers and certified technical security consultants. Professionals are experts in information security and related regulatory requirements such as HIPAA and PCI.

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