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Curriculum Vitae

Executive Summary

Mr. Kuschel specializes in the analysis and design of executive and director compensation programs in both the public and private sector. In addition, Kevin has experience in corporate human resources, with a specific emphasis on HRIS and financial metrics analysis. He has consulted with clients across a wide range of industries, varying in revenue size from less than \$1 million to \$100 billion. Mr. Kuschel has authored and edited articles related to executive compensation and served as a co-contributor to many of NFPCC's recent publications.

Executive Compensation Consulting Experience

- Reviewed, analyzed, and designed competitive executive compensation programs including base salary, annual incentives, and long-term incentives.
- Reviewed, analyzed and designed competitive board of director compensation programs.
- Conducted reviews on Annual Incentive programs and designed competitive bonus structures in public and private companies.
- Conducted reviews on Long-Term Incentive plans and designed competitive programs for public and private companies including stock options, restricted stock, performance shares and phantom stock.
- Designed compensation programs for companies involved in turnaround situations, initial public offerings (IPO) and mergers and acquisitions.
- Designed international executive total direct compensation packages.
- Analyzed and reviewed executive employment contract provisions.
- Provided consulting services for cases of under-compensation.
- Modeled stock option awards through Black-Scholes and targeted gain approaches, including the valuation and strategies surrounding underwater options.
- Provided analysis for litigation support engagements related to reasonable compensation, bankruptcy, employment contracts, shareholder oppression, and wrongful death.
- Conducted job evaluation, job analysis and job classification studies for clients in various industries.
- Reviewed and designed salary structures.

Awards

- Texas Monthly Magazine, Best Companies to Work for in Texas, 2011 – 2020, ranked in the top 3 for 2011 – 2014
- Houston's Best & Brightest Companies to Work For 2014 and 2019
- Houston Business Journal, Fast 100 List, 2018
- Consulting Magazine, Rising Stars of the Profession – 35 under 35, 2018
- Consulting Magazine, Fastest Growing Firms, 2017 and 2018
- Houston Business Journal, Best Places to Work, 2010 – 2012 and 2017, ranked in the top 10 the first three years
- Forbes, America's Best Management Consulting Firms, 2016

Education

Bachelor of Science – University of Houston, Houston, Texas



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Employment

Present

Senior Vice President, NFP Compensation Consulting

Past

Co-COO & Mountain States Practice Leader, Longnecker & Associates

Managing Partner, Longnecker & Associates

Director, Longnecker & Associates

Senior Consultant, Longnecker & Associates

Consultant, Longnecker & Associates

HRIS Analyst, Sysco Corporation

Payroll Coordinator, Sysco Corporation

Professional Affiliations

Mr. Kuschel is a member of WorldatWork (formerly American Compensation Association) and Houston Compensation and Benefits Association.

Certifications and Licenses

Compensation Committee Certified (CCC) – Economic Research Institute

Certified Compensation Professional (CCP) – WorldatWork

Certified Executive Compensation Professional (CECP) – WorldatWork

Senior Professional Human Resources (SPHR) – HR Certification Institute

Teaching Curriculum

WorldatWork Certification Course C12: Variable Pay

Publications - Books

“The Power of Restricted Stock: The Definitive Guide to a Resurging Long-Term Incentive,” FASB & AJCA Update Edition, WorldatWork 2006. As a co-contributor, Mr. Kuschel assisted in the research, writing, and reviewing of this publication.

Publications – Articles Authored

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“The Attraction and Retention Paradigm”, by Kevin Kuschel and Tyler Brown, [L&A L-Blast](#), November 2020.



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“Covid-19 and Compensation: What to Think About”, by Kevin Kuschel and Ian Keas, [L&A L-Blast](#), March 2020.

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“Going Public: The Factors and Forces That Shape An IPO”, by Tyler Brown and Kevin Kuschel, [Workspan](#), November/December 2018.

“The Full Picture with Gender Pay Equity”, by Kevin Kuschel, Daniel Wilson, Brent Longecker and Liz Mayo, [L&A L-Blast](#), August, 2018.

“Compensation Landmines & Key Issues”, by Kevin Kuschel, Brent Longecker and Daniel Wilson, [L&A L-Blast](#), November 2017.

“An Interview with Our CEO”, by Kevin Kuschel, Chris Crawford and Jordan Lee, [L&A L-Blast](#), February 2017.

“Compensation Landmines & Key Issues”, by Kevin Kuschel, Brent Longecker and Daniel Wilson, [L&A L-Blast](#), October 2016.

“Say on Director Pay – Is This in Our Future”, by Kevin Kuschel and Alissa Martin, [L&A L-Blast](#), March 2016.

“Executive Compensation: #1 Reason You May Lose Your Board Seat”, by Kevin Kuschel and Brent Longecker, [L&A L-Blast](#), October 2015.

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