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RJ Falconi is currently Managing Director of RayleeValleyGroup that provides clients and boards guidance and advice in various areas of the law and in a broad array of specialties, including but not limited to: public policy, government and stakeholder relations, transportation and rail safety, intellectual property protection / anti-counterfeiting, corporate secretarial / board administration, corporate governance / compliance, safety supply chain / product liability, fraud, auditing / forensic investigations, risk management, consensus building, media and public relations, anti-bribery and government lobbying. He has several years of diverse legal and business experience with organizations undergoing dramatic change and growth, nationally and internationally.

Mr. Falconi retired at the end of January 2017 as Executive Vice President, Chief Legal & Government Affairs Officer, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary at CSA Group (Canadian Standards Association), where he provided leadership and strategic direction to CSA's global Government Relations (GR) Network and its global Legal & Brand Protection Team. He was also responsible for corporate governance, policy and administration of its Board of Directors. In the Chief Legal Officer and General Counsel roles at CSA, he led a global legal affairs and anti-counterfeiting team that provided strategic legal advice and balanced legal services on a cost-effective basis across the enterprise, which included initiatives to protect the integrity and counterfeiting of the CSA certification marks and its copyright. He provided oversight on CSA's corporate policies and privacy matters, support for CSA's government relations activities on international trade, lobbying and anti-bribery filing and compliance matters, built and maintained relationships with trade associations and stakeholders with common issues, and interacted with governmental regulatory authorities and domestic and international law enforcement agencies to resolve regulatory, compliance and intellectual property infringement issues. In the roles of Chief Governance Officer and Corporate Secretary, he ensured compliance and transparency with domestic and international laws, CSA's Letters Patent/Articles of Incorporation, By-laws, and recommended and deployed good governance practices for adoption by CSA's Board of Directors.

Previously, Mr. Falconi was Vice-President, General Counsel and Assistant Corporate Secretary for Delcan Group Inc., (now known as Parsons Corporation), a global multi-disciplinary engineering, consulting, and project management firm headquartered in Toronto, ON and Pasadena, CA. In this role he was responsible for its worldwide legal affairs, subsidiaries, affiliates and joint ventures. Prior to joining Delcan, he was General Counsel for the Consumer Banking Division of Citibank Canada in Toronto, ON.

Mr. Falconi has a Bachelor of Science degree (magna cum laude) from the University of Toronto, a Bachelor of Laws (Juris Doctor) degree from Osgoode Hall Law School and was called to the Ontario Bar in 1985. In October 2012, he was certified by the Institute of Corporate Directors as an Institute-Certified Director (ICD.D). Mr. Falconi is a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada, the Canadian, American and International Bar Associations, the Institute of Corporate Directors and the US-based National Association of Corporate Directors.

He continues to serve on the national board for Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters Inc. and was a member of the board of the US-based Electrical Safety Foundation International, Inc. In 2007, Mr. Falconi's legal team at CSA was voted by Inside Counsel magazine as one of the "Top 10 Most Innovative Legal Departments" in the world and in 2011, the same team was also short listed and recognized in the 6th Annual Global Counsel Awards, administered by the International Law Office and Association of Corporate Counsel, chosen from over 3,500 individual nominations identifying those who excel.

In September 2011, during INTERPOL's International Law IP Crime Enforcement Conference, he was appointed to and currently serves as Secretary General to the high-profile Certification Industry Against Counterfeiting (CIAC), an international network of certification organizations, coordinated by INTERPOL, that is committed to stopping the worldwide proliferation of products bearing counterfeit certification marks in the supply chain that may endanger public health and safety.