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Michael Christiansen is Founder and Managing Director of Civis Principia LLC, an expert witness consulting firm established in 2022 and located in Henderson, Nevada. Michael is an experienced investment banker, corporate executive, consulting economist, and currently Senior Managing Director at Weild&Co., member FINRA/SIPC, with FINRA Series 7, 63, 79, 82 and 99 registrations.

As a senior investment banker, Michael has advised clients on over \$2 billion of public and private equity transactions, mergers & acquisitions, and strategic advisory engagements. With investment banking experience covering more than 25 years, he is Senior Managing Director at Weild&Co. with prior experience as senior investment banker at Prudential Securities, WestPark Capital, Seidler Amdec Securities, and Laffer Associates. Industry sector experience includes enterprise technology, digital media, life sciences, consumer, retailing and natural resources.

Michael's senior corporate executive responsibilities include more than ten years with small cap public and private companies in enterprise technology, digital media, and natural resources industry sectors. Currently serving on the Board of Directors of two listed public companies, including audit committee chairmanship. Served five years as Chief Financial Officer of Weild&Co. and Weild Capital, Inc., with participation on the firm's commitment and compliance committees.

Michael currently serves on the board of directors of Memex Inc. [TSXV: OEE.V] and TREX Acquisition Corp. [OTCQB: TRXA], respectively, with prior service as a director of Radient Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Previous corporate executive responsibilities include EVP & CFO of Weild Capital, SNT Media, Star Mountain Resources, Vizional Technologies, and PortaCom Wireless.

## Litigation Experience

Michael has twice served as chairman of official committees representing unsecured creditors in United States Bankruptcy Court litigation, most recently in 2018-2020. In multiple court appearances and depositions, his constellation of knowledge, skills and experience in financial analytics, asset tracing, corporate governance, and economics have been critical to achieving key milestones and favorable outcomes in corporate bankruptcy, family trust, divorce, and bankruptcy cases.

<u>2018-2021 Bankruptcy Litigation</u> — Michael's sworn testimony in United States Bankruptcy Court, Arizona District, identified potential fraudulent conveyance of key corporate assets, management malfeasance, insidious conflicts of interest, and governance abuse of minority stockholders, all perpetrated by Debtor-in-Possession incumbent management. His service as Chairman of the Creditor Committee achieved removal of Debtor-in-Possession management, appointment of an Independent Trustee, disqualification and disgorgement of opposing counsel legal fees, and subsequent retention of contingency litigation counsel. The Trustee is now actively pursuing a \$100 million fraudulent conveyance claim on behalf of the Liquidation Estate, with trial in federal court anticipated in early 2023. [Case references available on request.]

<u>2015 Divorce Litigation</u> — Michael's asset tracing analysis demonstrated Respondent's separate property interest in 48.6% of total community-held assets, directly attributable and traceable to Respondent's pre-marital financial assets. The asset tracing incorporated nine institutional financial

accounts, covered 26 years of account records, and addressed pre-marital account values followed by community contributions, distributions, rollovers, investment returns and account appreciation, respectively credited and debited proportionally to separate and community interests. Upon presentation of his "Tracing Analysis & Separate Property Claims" report, Petitioner's counsel promptly requested settlement negotiations. [Redacted analytics and report available on request.]

2014 Family Trust Litigation — Michael's asset tracing analysis demonstrated 19 years of irregular property transfers, misappropriated and amalgamated financial and real estate assets, and unaccounted distributions and accounting discrepancies—all running to the detriment of the Family Trust Petitioner while accreting to Respondent's undisclosed trust accounts—in aggregate amount of \$1.2 million. His preliminary timeline, documentation and asset tracing presentation resulted in retention of a major west coast law firm with payment of legal fees deferred until financial recovery, which was ultimately achieved in 2017. The resulting negotiated financial settlement achieved recovery of real estate and financial assets from Respondent roughly equivalent to the values asserted in Michael's original analysis. [Redacted tracing and report available on request.]

1998 Bankruptcy Litigation — Michael's initial status conference presentation in United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware identified significant irregularities and potentially fraudulent creditor claims in a public telecom company bankruptcy filing. His appointment and service as Chairman of the Creditor Committee negotiated significant asset recoveries and supervised cash distributions to all unsecured creditors at 104.0% of undisputed claims, totaling approximately \$4.4 million. [Case reference available on request.]

## Selected Speaking Engagements and Other

Panelist, "2020 BioUtah Life Sciences Investor Summit" at University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, February 28, 2020

Panelist, "<u>China-Asia Growth Forum</u>" at Chase–Los Angeles Business Journal Global Strategies, Los Angeles, California, September 28, 2010

Panelist, "What is the Value of Form 10 Shells?" at DealFlow Media Reverse Merger Conference 2010, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, June 29-30, 2010

Panelist, "China Update: Examining the Current Market for Chinese Deals" at DealFlow Media PIPEs Conference 2010, Las Vegas, Nevada, November 8-10, 2010

Panelist, "Financing Alternatives: PIPEs" at the 10th China Venture Capital & Private Equity Forum, Shenzhen Wuzhou National Guest House, Shenzhen, China, April 10-12, 2008

TS-SCI Security Clearance Issued September 1992, expiration undisclosed

## **Education**

University of Southern California Marshall School of Business MBA, Corporate Finance and Business Economics Dean's List Scholar

Utah State University
Bachelor of Science, Business Administration
Corporate Finance and Economics

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