



Alison Williams, CIA, CISA

Consultant

ABOUT ALISON

Alison is a multi-faceted senior leader specializing in internal audit, regulatory compliance, IT project management, and risk management. She has a proven track record of leading and motivating teams to perform at optimal levels while driving organizational change and transforming strategic plans into operational realities that achieve business objectives. Additionally, Alison is an accomplished instructor, speaker, and lecturer who educates professionals on various topics, including IT auditing, enterprise risk management (ERM), operational resiliency, and leadership development.

Alison's in-depth audit, compliance, and risk experience originate from senior-level and director positions with a Fortune 100 diversified insurance and financial services firm and a Fortune 1000 bank holding company. Combining her knowledge of the regulated insurance and banking industries with her Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) and Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) credentials, Alison adeptly designs, redesigns, implements, tests, and reports on corporate governance solutions for organizations at all stages of growth across numerous industries.

With expertise in COSO and control frameworks, risk governance, and third-party oversight, executive leadership and board members rely on Alison to help ensure efficient and effective coverage of current and anticipated critical risks facing their organizations. She can manage governance and operating structures for risk committees, develop and implement risk assessments, policies, and procedures, plan and execute internal and IT audits, and compile and report results and key metrics to internal and external stakeholders and governing bodies.

Alison leads and trains teams to increase their awareness of ERM frameworks and structures and collaborates with risk managers, internal audit personnel, and compliance and due diligence teams to develop, launch, and optimize governance standards, processes, and tools. Her experience includes business process evaluations and improvement recommendations, fraud prevention and detection, automation and data mining, and organizational change management. She has also participated in implementing SAP and performed system migration testing.

A strategic and critical thinker with strong research, problem-solving, and data analysis skills, Alison brings together finance, compliance, and technology into an energetic, proactive approach that results in an environment of continuous improvement with mitigated business risk for her clients.

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Banking, Credit Unions, Financial Services, Government, Higher Education, Information Technology, Insurance, Nonprofit, Pharmaceuticals, Professional Services, Religious Organizations, Software, Start-up

Companies

EDUCATION

- Bowling Green State University, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Management Information Systems

CERTIFICATIONS

- CIA – Certified Internal Auditor
- CISA – Certified Information Systems Auditor
- COSO Enterprise Risk Management Certificate
- ITIL Foundation Certificate – IT Service Management
- ITIL Practitioner Certificate – Problem Management

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Information Systems Audit and Control Association
- The Institute of Internal Auditors