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Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario, Fellow of the Canadian Chartered Institute of Business Valuators and Full Member of the ADR Institute of Canada, Inc.

Mr. Cole was the Founding Partner of Cole & Partners, a Toronto, Canada-based valuations and financial advisory service firm from 1975 to 2010 when the firm was sold to Duff & Phelps, a global valuations and financial advisory services firm. He was President of Duff & Phelps Canada Limited until May 2013 and thereafter to-date, Mr. Cole has been the President of Seeonee Inc., a financial and valuation advisory firm.

Mr. Cole is or has been a Director of the public companies FARO Technologies Inc., The Westaim Corporation, and H. Paulin & Co. Limited. He has served as Lead Director and Chairman of the audit and compensation committees.

Mr. Cole holds or has held a position as an advisory committee member, trustee or director of various private businesses, family offices, private pools of capital and charitable organizations including VWK Capital, Enterprise Capital LP II, Penfund, The Canadian Institute of Chartered Business Valuators, Quetico Foundation, Nature Conservancy of Canada (Ontario Division), UJA Federation and Foundation and past Chairman of The Baycrest Centre.

Relevant experience: organization, succession, governance, compensation, valuation, shareholder agreement, mergers and acquisitions and other financial advisory services in respect of private and family business and mid-market public companies.

Qualified as an expert and testified before the senior Canadian courts and tribunals in same areas of experience. Author of numerous articles and papers for leading professional journals.