Risk Management and Decision Making: A Chief Risk Officer's Perspective Dr Ruth Whaley, Judge Business School

Abstract

Over the past 20 years risk management has become a key professional expertise for financial institutions with a scope that today is required to address all risks of an enterprise.

In general, corporations have increasingly elevated the role of risk governance to their executive levels. This discussion reviews the day to day practice of risk management from the perspective of Chief Risk Officers.

The variety of tasks, skills and information used, the role of corporate culture and the challenges of decision-making will be highlighted.

Speaker bio

Ruth is Director of International Business Development for Judge Business School in charge of expanding the school's recruiting relationships with global corporations. Previously Ruth has worked for over 25 years in banking and insurance, with particular expertise in the risk management of financial guarantees and fixed income products. For the past 10 years she was the Chief Risk Officer of MBIA, member of the Executive Committee and managed credit, market and operational risk across the firm.

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