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Wendy works with the national assurance group to assist the Firm's clients and engagement teams to resolve accounting, auditing and SEC reporting issues. Additionally, she has coauthored a number of internal and external publications and instructs at global training courses on US accounting and auditing standards and application. Wendy has over 30 years of experience in accounting, auditing and financial reporting.

As part of her responsibilities, Wendy also works closely with BDO global member firms to provide support for engagement teams having

clients with US accounting or reporting responsibilities. Wendy is the US representative on the BDO Global IFRS working party and consults on IFRS issues and policies.

Previously, Wendy was an audit partner in BDO's Washington DC practice office where she had extensive experience in global manufacturing companies.

EDUCATION

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Karen Deschaine's practice encompasses a wide range of business and corporate matters, including private financings, public offerings, corporate governance, commercial transactions, strategic transactions, securities matters and the general representation of public and private companies. She represents primarily biotechnology and technology companies and investors in those industries. She is a sought-after speaker on topics of interest to founders, start-up companies and companies seeking investment including presenting for organizations and events such as GeekGirl, EvoNexus, VETCON, and mystartupXX, and frequently teaches the San Diego office's "CooleyU" sessions.

While attending law school, Karen was the

editor in chief of the UCLA Women's Law Journal and she was one of the founders of Ms. JD, a nonprofit aimed at promoting the success of women in the legal profession. Prior to law school, Karen served as a captain in the US Army and commanded two companies. While at West Point, she was a member of the sport parachute team and, as such, jumped the game ball into numerous Army football games and was named the Overall Novice Champion at the 1994 National Collegiate Skydiving Championships.

EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles School of Law JD, 2007, Business Law
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Mark Doscher is a Principal and the director of Marsh & McLennan Agency (MMA)'s executive risk practice group. In this role, he focuses on facilitating management liability insurance products for both public and private companies in the areas of directors & officers liability, transactional risk, employment practices liability, initial public offerings, mergers & acquisitions, and other financial-related coverages. Mark offers clients a keen insight to executive risk issues faced by both public and private companies. His strategic, forward-thinking approach provides clients with the results they need to achieve their goals.

Mark has over 22 years of experience in the executive risk arena and has expertise working

with over 300 public companies. Prior to joining MMA, Mark was the executive risk practice group leader and senior vice president of Marsh in San Diego. Previously, he spent several years as a divisional vice president for AIG in New York and Los Angeles. He also opened the Los Angeles branch of Axcelera Specialty Risk, which was subsequently acquired by AIG.

Mark received a Bachelor of Science from Stockton University and attended Rutgers University. He is active with the Corporate Directors Forum, Biocom, San Diego Venture Group and Financial Executives International.



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Mark has recently joined BDO's West Coast practice as a partner in the San Diego office. Prior to joining the West Coast practice Mark was New Jersey Office Managing Partner for 9 years, responsible for managing all aspects of the New Jersey assurance practice.

Since joining BDO in 1997 he has serviced publicly-traded, privately held, multinational, private equity sponsored and growth-oriented companies in many industries including significant experience in life sciences, software/SaaS, telecommunications, manufacturing and distribution and technology.

Mark spends a significant amount of time focused on SEC registrants as both the engagement partner and engagement quality control partner. Through this experience with many of the firms larger clients Mark has extensive experience with international operations, mergers and acquisitions, equity raises and complex revenue recognition.

In addition, Mark acts as an instructor for continuing education and plays an active role in the firm's internal quality inspection program.

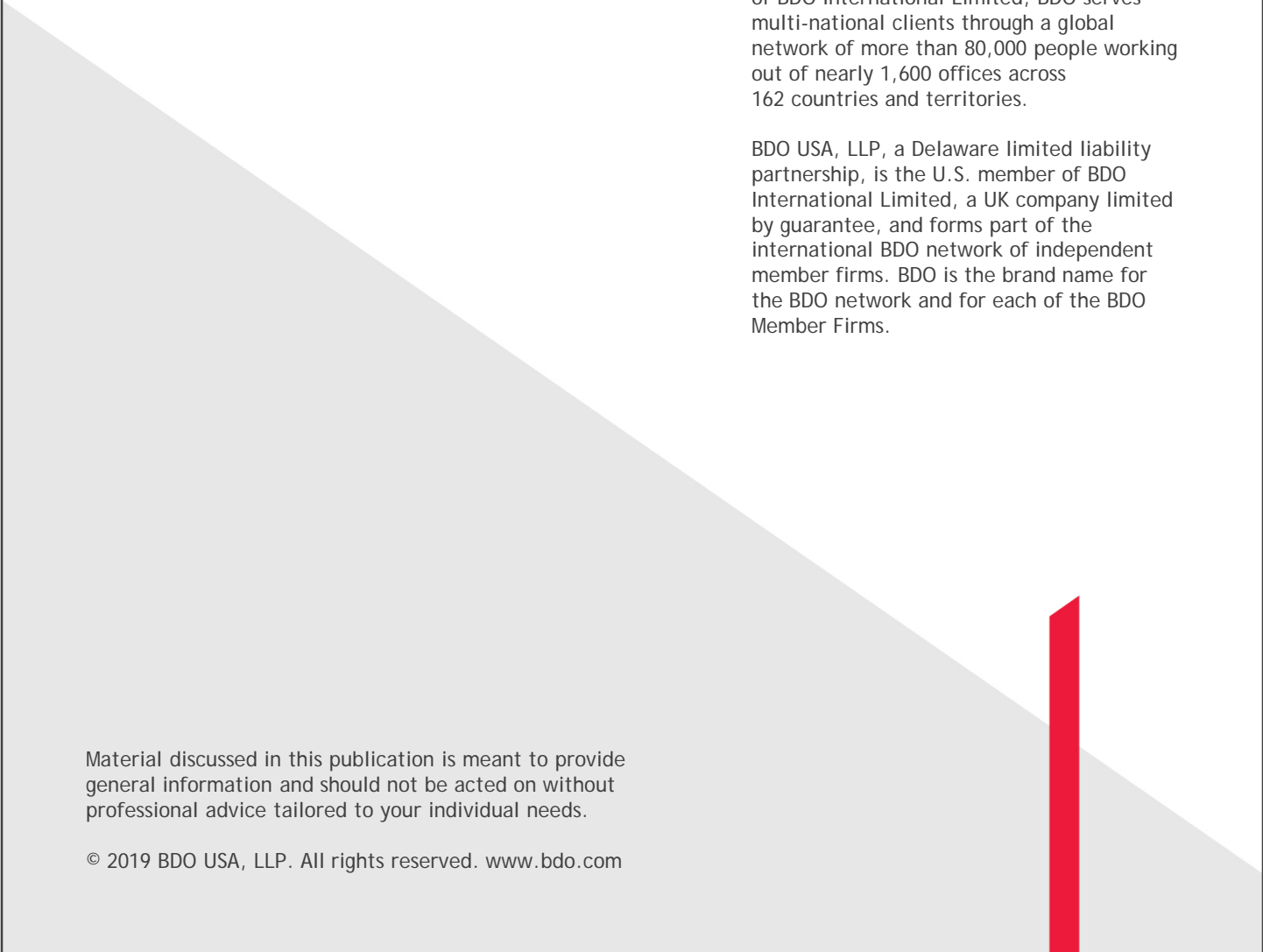
EDUCATION

B.S., Accounting, Villanova University



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