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Jim Peterson is a US-trained and qualified lawyer, concentrating for over thirty-five years on complex multi-national matters involving corporate financial information.

In both law firm and individual practice, he has represented global companies, the international accounting firms and their professional groups in disputes, negotiations, government agency proceedings and standard-setting, as well as advising at senior levels in the underlying strategic debates.

For 19 years he was a senior in-house lawyer and partner in a large accounting firm, working extensively with the profession's policies and risk management strategies.

"Balance Sheet," a financial and accountancy column, appeared bi-weekly in the International Herald Tribune from April 2002 for five-plus years.

Since in the winter of 2009 he has been teaching a graduate-level course in Risk Management at business and law schools in Paris (ISEG, University of Cergy-Pontoise) and Chicago (DePaul, University of Chicago Law School).

He has also published articles in accounting and legal journals including the Journal of Accountancy (the professional journal of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants) and the American Corporate Counsel Association's journal -- the Docket -- along with occasional book reviews and other commentary.

He is a regular speaker, panelist and commentator before professional groups and trade associations, internationally and in the United States.

He divides his practice and residential time between Paris and Chicago.