



RALPH VILLANUEVA

Multi-Certified Internal Audit and IT Compliance Professional
Conference Speaker
Writer and Article Reviewer
Entrepreneur

Ralph Villanueva
Candidate for Division Director

EXPERIENCE SUMMARY

Ralph Villanueva is an experienced IT Compliance professional with over 10 years of experience in Information Technology – Governance, Risk and Compliance (IT GRC) work using PCI-DSS, ISO 27001, ISO 27002, ISO 27005, ISO 27701, NIST 800-53, COBIT, SOX IT General Controls (ITGC), Nevada Gaming Control Board Minimum Internal Controls (NGCB MICS) COSO and GDPR frameworks. He is also an experienced internal auditor with over 10 years of financial, fraud, operational and compliance auditing (US and overseas). In addition, he is knowledgeable with related IT GRC and data privacy applications such as One Trust, KnowBe4, Proof Point, Stealth Bits, Tenable, Crowd Strike Falcon, Security Scorecard, Selectica and Microsoft 365 IT Security and Compliance.

Ralph knows how to optimize the IT security and compliance function of an organization, by leveraging the above-mentioned frameworks and applications, formulating and implementing appropriate policies and procedures to enhance compliance, mitigate threats and protect the organization from financial, regulatory and reputational damage, and collaborate with various business and process owners across the organization. He also knows how to conduct compliance reviews of various aspects of IT operations to determine compliance with relevant IT security and data privacy criteria.

He has worked with external auditors and consultants of firms such as Optiv, Crowd Strike, Coal Fire, BDO, Protiviti and RSM in conducting SOC1, SOX ITGC, PCI and cybersecurity audits, incident response tabletop exercises and data privacy compliance.

Ralph speaks regularly in PCI-SSC, ISACA, IIA, ACFE and other conferences every year since 2010. He writes professional articles for the IIA, SCCE, LinkedIn and other publications, and reviews articles for ISACA.

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS ¹

- Avoided substantial monetary fines by working to earn the PCI-ROC
- Mitigated IT security risks by writing and collaborating on implementation of IT security policies based on ISO 27001
- Facilitated continuous IT security and data privacy compliance through relevant applications such as Tenable, CrowdStrike etc.
- Uncovered fraud and strengthened internal controls

ACTIVE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

- Certified in Cybersecurity
- Certified Trainer (ISO27001, ISO 27701 and CDPO)
- ISO 27001 Lead Auditor (ISO 27001 LA)
- ISO 27701 Lead Auditor (ISO 27701 LA)
- Certified Data Protection Officer (CDPO)
- Payment Card Industry Professional (PCIP)
- Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA)
- Certified Information Security Manager (CISM)
- IT Infrastructure Library v3 (ITIL)
- Certified Internal Auditor (CIA)
- Certification in Risk Management Assurance (CRMA)
- Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE)
- Licensed Property and Casualty (including cybersecurity insurance) Producer for California, Arizona, Nevada, Texas and Florida

RECENT WORK HISTORY ¹

IT Security and Compliance Analyst

Diamond Resorts (Las Vegas, NV; March 2017 to December 2021)/Hilton Grand Vacations since December 2021

Responsible for managing and implementing IT security and data privacy compliance with the requirements of ISO 27001, ISO 27701, PCI-DSS 3.2.1, SOX IT General Controls and GDPR

IT Compliance Analyst

Las Vegas Sands (Las Vegas, NV; January 2016 to March 2017)

Responsible for IT compliance with the IT requirements of the Nevada Gaming Control Board Minimum Internal Controls (MICS)

IT Security and Compliance Analyst

Las Vegas Hilton/The LVH/ Westgate Las Vegas Resort and Casino (Las Vegas, NV; June 2010 to November 2015)

Responsible for IT compliance with the IT requirements of the Nevada Gaming Control Board Minimum Internal Controls (MICS) and assists in general IT operations

Internal Auditor

Nevada Cancer Institute (Las Vegas, NV; August 2008 to June 2010)

Responsible for internal audit and fraud examination of all risk areas of the organization

Internal Auditor

Fitzgerald's Las Vegas Resort and Casino (now known as The D Las Vegas Hotel and Casino; Las Vegas, NV; August 2007 to August 2008)

Responsible for internal audit and Nevada Gaming Control Board Minimum Internal Controls (MICS) compliance audit

ACTIVE PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Information Systems and Control Association (ISACA)
- Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA)
- Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE)
- Payment Card Industry (PCI)
- Information Systems Security Association (ISSA)
- Professional Evaluation and Certification Board (PECB)
- International Information System Security Certification Consortium (ISC2)

ACTIVE NON-PROFIT AFFILIATION

- Toastmasters International (global public speaking & leadership organization); awarded the DTM or Distinguished Toast Master for excellence in public speaking; currently president of two clubs

EDUCATION ²

- Master's in Business Administration (MBA), Ateneo de Manila University
- BS in Business Administration (BSBA) Accounting Major, University of the Philippines

RECENT PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS ¹

- Tips to Make Your Company Cyber Insurable (Bright Talk Tech Target Cyber Security Summit, January 19, 2023)
- Empowering Internal Audit to Slay the Spawns of COVID: Superfluous IT Spending, Shoddy Cyber Security and Sketchy Data Privacy (IIA Canada 2022 Annual Conference, Oct. 18, 2022)

CURRENT ENTREPRENEURIAL PURSUITS

- Villanueva Training and Consulting (Owner and President); Licensed PECB trainer for ISO27001, ISO27701 and CDPO using the GDPR regulation
- Villanueva Insurance (Owner and Manager); Licensed property and casualty insurance producer in California, Arizona, Nevada, Texas and Florida

RESIDENCE AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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¹ Not all inclusive

² These are accredited as the equivalent of degree-granting educational institutions in the US