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Boutique market and regulatory consulting in AML for financial institutions, correspondent banking, and cross-border compliance for banks and broker-dealers

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WHO WE ARE

V&V Consulting Group, LLC is a boutique consulting firm based in South Florida, providing market and regulatory consulting to domestic and offshore banks, broker-dealers, investment advisers, and private funds. We serve domestic and foreign financial institutions whose clients include high-net-worth and ultra-high-net-worth individuals worldwide, with particular depth in cross-border matters, correspondent banking, doing business offshore, and anti-money laundering (AML).

We offer the depth and experience expected of large consulting firms, delivered with personal attention, tailored service, and competitive rates. Having conducted or supervised regulatory audits of compliance programs for hundreds of firms across the securities industry, we translate that insight into practical, best-practice recommendations, quickly identifying areas of regulatory exposure and providing workable, business-friendly solutions designed to protect your firm and management team. Through strategic alliances, we staff each engagement with consultants whose experience matches your project's specific requirements.

OUR SERVICES

- Annual and independent AML, compliance, and supervisory reviews
- Development and enhancement of Bank Secrecy Act, OFAC, and USA PATRIOT Act compliance programs
- Support on implementation of AML monitoring system rules and alerts
- Enterprise-wide risk assessment; assistance calibrating customer and enterprise risk ratings
- Development and enhancement of operational risk programs, testing, and controls
- Assistance with regulatory investigations, look-backs, and remediation mandates
- Independent consultant in SEC/FINRA actions and settlements
- Customer Identification Program (CIP)
- Enhanced Due Diligence (EDD) and Politically Exposed Persons (PEP) reviews
- Correspondent bank and foreign financial institution due diligence
- Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs) guidance
- Customized training — AML, OFAC, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, and Board of Directors training

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Our services are offered on an hourly, per-project, or retainer basis. Contact us for a proposal setting out the scope of work and fees.

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ABOUT US

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Vivian Velazquez is the Founder and Principal Consultant of V&V Consulting Group, LLC. She brings decades of experience in the securities industry, spanning both regulatory and private sectors.

Ms. Velazquez has held senior compliance leadership roles at global and national financial institutions with billions in assets under management and operations across the United States and Latin America. Her expertise includes leading complex regulatory initiatives such as broker-dealer launches, major platform conversions, mergers, business restructurings, and large-scale anti-money laundering (AML) lookbacks and remediation efforts for prominent U.S. financial institutions.

Ms. Velazquez previously served as a Branch Chief in the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's (SEC) Miami office, where she directed the examination program for broker-dealers and transfer agents across Florida, Puerto Rico, Bermuda, and the Caribbean. In this role, she supervised examinations of dually registered broker-dealers and investment advisers and hedge funds, and maintained oversight of NASD (now FINRA) and NYSE examination programs within the region. She also collaborated with law enforcement on AML investigations and worked closely with the SEC's Washington, D.C. office to launch and field-test the AML examination program. Additionally, she developed and delivered training programs for foreign regulators, SEC staff, and state examiners on AML, broker-dealer compliance, books and records, accounting, and sales practices. Earlier in her career, she served as a Senior Examiner and Field Supervisor with the NASD in both New York and Denver.

She previously managed the compliance function for a New York-based insurance and financial services organization, overseeing regulatory compliance across affiliated entities, including a broker-dealer, investment adviser, proprietary mutual funds, and variable insurance separate accounts. In this role, she directed the preparation and filing of regulatory reports for mutual funds and separate accounts. She began her career as a registered representative with national wirehouse firms.

Ms. Velazquez is a trained FINRA arbitrator and has provided expert witness testimony and litigation support in both regulatory and private matters, including depositions and hearings involving SEC and NASD enforcement actions. She is a graduate of the FINRA Institute at the Wharton School's Certified Regulatory and Compliance Professional (CRCP) program and holds a B.B.A. in International Finance and Marketing from the University of Miami. She previously held FINRA Series 24, 7, and 63 licenses.

She is a member of several professional organizations, including the Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists (ACAMS), the Association of Certified Sanctions Specialists (ACSS), the Florida International Bankers Association (FIBA), the Financial Markets Association (FMA), the Florida Securities Dealers Association (FSDA), the National Society of Compliance Professionals (NSCP), and the Securities Expert Roundtable (SER). Ms. Velazquez is fluent in Spanish.

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