



Charles River Associates (CRA) Continues Expansion of Capabilities in Financial Accounting & Valuation

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Rebecca Szalc Joins As New Vice President In Financial Accounting & Valuation Practice

BOSTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 21, 2011-- [Charles River Associates](#) (NASDAQ: CRAI), a worldwide leader in providing [management, economic, and financial consulting services](#), today announced that [Rebecca Szalc](#) has joined the firm as a vice president in the [Financial Accounting & Valuation Practice](#) based in Dallas. Ms. Szalc is an experienced consulting and testifying expert on economic damages issues associated with a variety of complex commercial disputes.

"Rebecca Szalc's arrival at CRA not only strengthens our national practice in financial accounting and valuation matters, but also expands our local offering in the Dallas market where we began to establish a presence earlier in this year," said CRA's President and Chief Executive Officer [Paul Maleh](#). "Her experience as both a consultant and testifying expert provides a valuable offering to clients. It is a pleasure to welcome Rebecca to CRA."

Ms. Szalc has provided consulting and testifying expertise on economic damages associated with tortious interference, theft of trade secrets, patent and copyright infringement, false advertising, loss of use and breach of contract, among other complex commercial disputes. In addition to her litigation support experience, she has extensive experience with virtually every type of insured peril, including product recalls, windstorms, floods, earthquakes, explosions and fires, as well as with all manner of degrees of interruption of operations.

She joins CRA from Bickel & Brewer where she was the managing director of consulting. Prior to that role, Ms. Szalc was a partner with Deloitte for 10 years. As a partner in the Financial Advisory Services Practice, she provided expert testimony in commercial lawsuits, mediations and arbitrations, assisted Fortune 500 clients in recovery from natural and man-made disasters, and also served as a leader in the firm's Women's Initiative for the advancement and retention of high talent women. Ms. Szalc holds a MBA degree in Finance from The University of Texas at Austin and a BS degree in Management from Louisiana State University. She currently serves on the Board of Trustees for The Hockaday School.

About Charles River Associates (CRA)

Charles River Associates(R) is a global consulting firm specializing in [litigation, regulatory, and financial consulting, and management consulting](#). CRA advises clients on economic and financial matters pertaining to litigation and regulatory proceedings, and guides corporations through critical business strategy and performance-related issues. Since 1965, clients have engaged CRA for its unique combination of functional expertise and industry knowledge, and for its objective solutions to complex problems. Headquartered in Boston, CRA has offices throughout North America, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. Detailed information about Charles River Associates, a registered trade name of CRA International, Inc., is available at <http://www.crai.com>.

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