



James R. Knudson, Partner, Assurance Services, RSM US LLP

Summary of experience

Jim, an assurance services partner, has over 25 years of professional experience with RSM and has been a partner since 1995. From March 2011 through July 2014, Jim served as an ExPat audit partner based in Hamburg, Germany, working exclusively on many of the firm's largest international clients. Jim has served in a variety of leadership roles with the firm. He completed a four-year term (2007–2010) as a member of RSM's National Board of Directors, formerly served as the firm's practice leader for assurance services to private equity groups, and was one of original members of the firm's private equity leadership team. Jim is currently the firm's central region private equity services practice leader.

Jim is a firm-designated software industry specialist and has served as lead or second partner on multiple software and technology company engagements. Representative software clients include SoftBrands (lead partner), Epicor Software (second partner), HighJump Software (second partner), Help/Systems (lead partner), Guidance Software (former client), Epic Systems (second partner), Datalink Corporation (lead partner) and Wasau Financial (second partner).

Jim spent approximately five years of his career with RSM as the leader of its Western region transaction support practice. In this capacity, he has worked with mid-sized private equity groups and strategic acquirers and has been involved with more than 100 buy-side financial due diligence assignments. Jim is a current member of the firm's national private equity leadership team and is the lead relationship partner for certain middle-market private equity funds.

Jim's experience also includes initial public offerings (IPOs) and serving as engagement partner for Securities and Exchange Commission clients. Representative IPSs where Jim functioned as the lead engagement partner include:

- Dolan Media 2007 New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) IPO, raising \$205 million underwritten by Goldman Sachs and Merrill Lynch, and various follow-on offerings
- Entravision Communications NYSE IPO, raising \$850 million underwritten by CSFB and Merrill Lynch, and various follow-on offerings
- Electromed 2010 NASDAQ IPO
- Epicore Software Follow-on offerings
- Datalink 2011 follow-on public offering of common stock

During his career, Jim worked as a manager for two years in RSM's office of national audit and accounting, where his responsibilities included consultations with operating offices on accounting and reporting matters.

Professional affiliations and credentials

- Certified public accountant
- Minnesota Society of Certified Public Accountants
- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Certified Management Accountant

Education

- Bachelor of Arts, accounting, University of North Dakota (cum laude graduate)
- Master of Business Administration, finance, University of Southern California
- Graduate of the RSM Business Advisor Program at the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business