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John DeGroot serves as President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary to BearingPoint, Inc., a global management and technology consulting firm that began 2009 with over 15,000 employees doing business worldwide. As the Company's Chief Legal Officer Mr. DeGroot led all legal aspects of the Company's Chapter 11 filing in February of 2009 and the subsequent sale of substantially all its businesses around the world.

Mr. DeGroot served as BearingPoint's Chief Litigation Counsel from 2000 through 2008, with responsibility for the Company's global litigation docket and litigation prevention strategies. He previously practiced with the law firms of McKool Smith, P.C. and Jackson Walker, L.L.P. and as Vice President and Counsel to nationwide financial concern First USA, Inc.

Mr. DeGroot received his mediation training from Pepperdine University's Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution in 2005 and has mediated cases as a client and as an advocate in approximately 20 states. In addition to his duties at BearingPoint, John maintains a website on settlement techniques and negotiation strategies at [www.settlementperspectives.com](http://www.settlementperspectives.com). He received his J.D. from the Duke University School of Law in 1990 and his B.A. from Mississippi State University in 1986. He lives in Dallas with his wife Hillary and sons Jack, Luke and Max.