

# Your IPO Readiness Roadmap

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#### **AGENDA**

- CPE Guidelines
- Today's Panelists
- Discussion of IPO readiness issues
- Your questions





#### **CPE Guidelines**

- Today's webcast 1 CPE credit
- Answer 3/4 polling questions
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#### **Today's Panelists**



Managing Director in Technology
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 Joe Howell, Cofounder & EVP, Workiva





# What Happened In 2016?

- What were key takeaways?
- What worked?
- What proved to be most challenging?





# What Implications for 2017?

- Industry / sectors
- Business models
- Revenue size and growth
- Growth vs. profitability and free cash flow





# **Liquidity Issues**

- Aging of equity grants to key employees
- Credibility
- Distraction
- Cost
- "Being public" vs. "going public"





# What Questions Should Every Company Ask?

- Private money alternatives
- M&A
- Liquidity issues





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#### **Issues 12 Months Before?**

- Board of directors, committee structure, qualifications
- Legal due diligence
  - ✓ Secure electronic files
  - ✓ HR, invention assignment, other agreements
  - ✓ Capitalization records
- Stock option "cadence" 409A, timing
- Audit transition AICPA to PCAOB
- Operational Maturity





### **Operational Maturity**

- Governance, HR, tax, systems, legal, investor relations
- Financial planning & analysis
- Accounting & reporting
- ICFR





#### **Realistic Calendar?**

- Support of Board and management
- Target "Trading Day"
- Availability of financial statements, plan & projections
- Milestones





#### Milestones?

- ✓ Underwriter RFP
- ✓ Bake-off
- ✓ Organizational meeting
- ✓ Drafting sessions
- ✓ Initial S-1 submission
- ✓ SEC review & comment
- ✓ Preliminary price range to SEC
- ✓ Road show
- ✓ Trading Day





### What Impact of Legislation?

- JOBS Act (April 2012)
- FAST Act (December 2015)





#### SEC "Hot Button" Issues?

- New revenue and lease accounting standards
- MD&A
- Segments
- Cheap stock
- Non-GAAP





# **Impact of Technology**

- Video
- Gather, organize & manage supporting documents
- S-1 document management





### **Selecting Your Underwriter?**

- Deal considerations
- Follow-on support
- Long-term





# **Your Questions**





# **Closing Comments**

