



## **FTI Consulting Hires Two Senior Executives to Focus on Strategic Development, Acquisitions & Human Resources**

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FTI Consulting, Inc. (NYSE: FCN), the premier provider of corporate finance/restructuring, forensic/litigation/technology, and economic consulting, today announced two new appointments: David G. Bannister has joined as senior vice president and chief development officer and Sara Lacombe has joined as senior vice president in charge of human resources.

Mr. Bannister, who has over 25 years experience serving clients in the financial services, transportation, industrial manufacturing, automotive, and consumer/specialty retail industries, will work with FTI's executive committee and practice leaders to identify acquisitions and strategic growth initiatives.

He joins FTI from Grotech Capital Group, a venture capital/merchant banking firm where he was general partner in the traditional industries group. In this position, Mr. Bannister participated in all phases of investment banking, including identification of investments, financing, operation improvement and harvesting. Prior to his tenure at Grotech, Mr. Bannister was a managing director in investment banking with Alex, Brown and Sons. Among his responsibilities, he led the merchant banking operations and several industry groups. Mr. Bannister received an MBA from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a BA from Stetson University. He is a CPA.

Ms. Lacombe, who has 16 years of experience, will lead FTI's human resources department. In this role, she will partner with senior management to identify and recruit the best professional talent, address organizational opportunities and augment FTI's professional development program.

Ms. Lacombe joins FTI Consulting from Merrill Lynch, where she was director and head of human resources for the global securities and economics research division, and provided comprehensive human resource services. Prior to Merrill Lynch, Ms. Lacombe held positions with several professional and financial services companies, including Andersen Consulting, Citibank and Lehman Brothers. Her experience encompasses compensation, benefits, training, employee relations and recruiting, as well as acquisitions and integration. Ms. LaCombe holds a BA in history from Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

Commenting on the new appointments, Jack Dunn, president and chief executive officer said, "FTI is pleased to welcome David and Sara to the company. It is our continued ability to recruit superior talent that enables us to enhance further the counsel and value we offer to clients and to distinguish FTI from the rest of the competition. We are excited to welcome them to the team."

### **About FTI Consulting**

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