

# **Turning Ethics into Outcomes**

Three Steps to Build "Integrity Capital," Manage Risk, and Drive Performance

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Senior executives face a "perfect storm" of increasing regulations, operational complexity, and internal pressures.

 Implication: Executives must look beyond traditional approaches to succeed.

# THE CHALLENGING SITUATION

An Increasingly Complex Environment Facing Executives

#### 1. Busier Regulators-

- 83% of your peers expect more regulations in more regions around the world.
- 86% of your peers expect an increase in the scope of regulatory enforcement.

#### 3. Increasing Operational Complexity—

- Company growth depends on new products, technologies, increasing number of partner companies, and expanded geographic reach.
- 85% of your peers expect the complexity to increase.

### 2. Higher Employee Exposure—

- Greater access to sensitive company data and more channels through which that data might leak
- 72% of your peers expect these trends to increase.

#### 4. Intense Pressure from an Anxious Board—

- Senior executives are faced with—and exert increased pressure for greater risk assurances.
- 83% of your peers expect the pressure to increase.

Source: 2011 survey of more than 1,000 auditors, General Counsel, compliance and ethics officers, and risk managers.

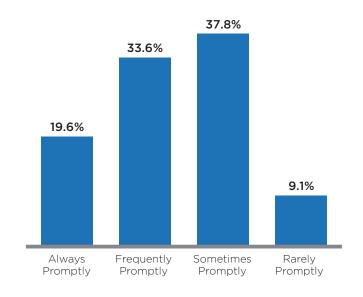
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In this complex environment, potential loss or reduced timeliness of information reduces corporate ability to properly identify risks and avoid strategic missteps.

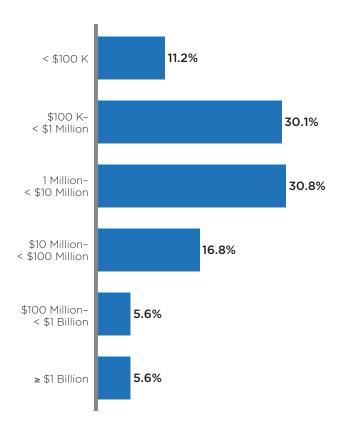
- On average, employees would forego \$1 million to \$10 million in company earnings to avoid reporting bad news or negative feedback.
- Recent survey work by our company's Finance and Strategy Practice shows that 58.7% of employees do not share bad news and negative feedback because they fear it will negatively impact their careers.

# THE OPPORTUNITY COST OF POOR COMMUNICATION

Speed with Which Material, Negative Corporate News Reaches Executive Teams



Reporting Bad News or Negative Feedback Amount of Corporate Earnings at Stake Before Reporting



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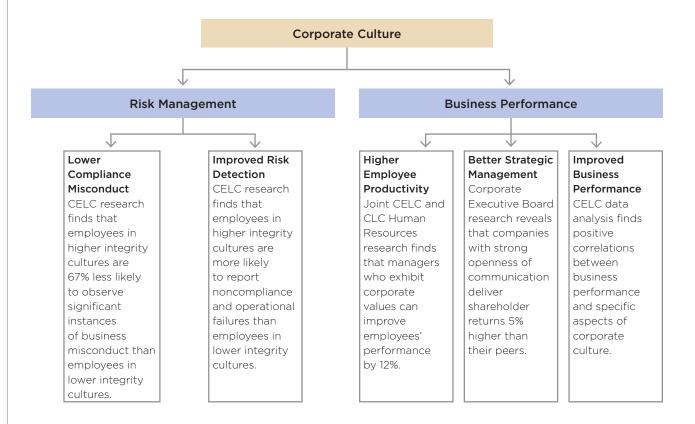
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# A high integrity culture significantly influences both risk-management systems and business outcomes.

While it is likely that business performance and corporate culture both, to some degree, drive the other, it is clear that cultures where employees freely speak up to honest, respectful senior leaders improve employee productivity, increase the flow of new ideas, and better avoid risk-management pitfalls.

# **DUAL BENEFITS OF "INTEGRITY CAPITAL"**

Impact of a High Integrity Corporate Culture



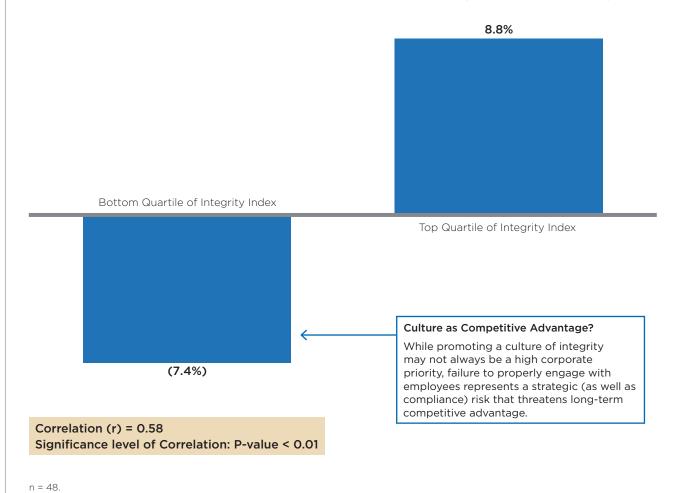
Companies with cultures that value transparency around key ethics and compliance issues have high "Integrity Capital."

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Top quartile companies outperformed the bottom quartile companies by more than 16 percentage points in 10-year total shareholder return.

# COMPANIES WITH LONG-TERM TOTAL SHAREHOLDER RETURNS ALSO HAVE HIGH INTEGRITY SCORES

Difference in 10-Year Total Shareholder Return for Bottom and Top Quartile of 48 Companies



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Employee perceptions about organisational justice explain the vast majority of their perceptions about the ethical culture of their company.

CEB data indicate there is a big gap between how managers and non-managers view the company's efforts in dealing with unethical behavior.

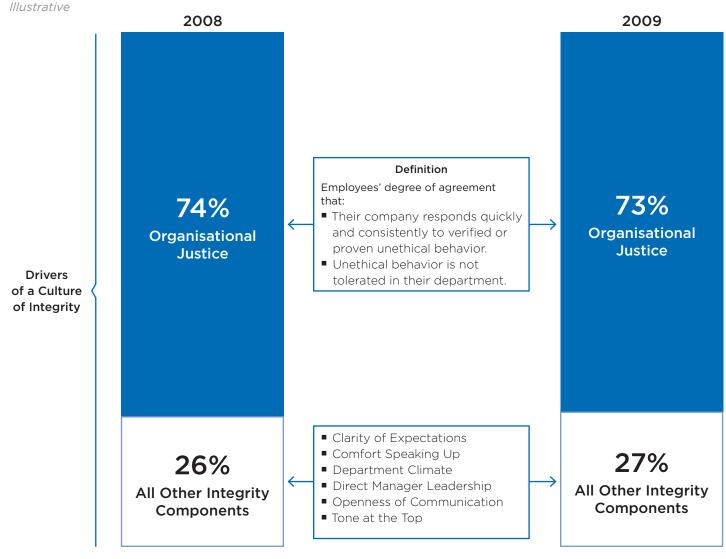
What the Numbers Mean
Addressing
organisational justice is
the most effective way to impact
ethical culture.

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# QUESTION #1: WHY DOES ORGANISATIONAL JUSTICE MATTER?

Culture of Integrity



n = 172,593 employees from 2008; n = 65,683 from 2009.

# Fostering a stronger culture can have a dramatic impact on local misconduct levels and reporting rates.

- The Consequences of Culture on Risk Profiles:
  - Organisations with higher integrity index scores have significantly fewer observed instances of misconduct.
  - Organisations with higher integrity index scores have significantly higher reporting rates when misconduct is observed.

#### What the Numbers Mean

For every 10,000 employees at a typical company, a total of 1,840 individuals may observe misconduct. However, a single low-scoring business unit may hold twice as many misconduct observations as a business unit with a high Integrity Index score.

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# QUESTION #2: HOW DOES INTEGRITY VARY ACROSS THE COMPANY?

Impact of Culture on Misconduct and Reporting Rates
Findings from Alpha Company<sup>1</sup>

# Company-Level Results Actual RiskClarity Data

Integrity Index = 5.59

Observation Rate = 18%

Reporting Rate = 50%

17 Business Units

Highest Integrity Business Unit				
Management				
Integrity Index	=	6.21		
Observation Rate	=	7%		
Reporting Rate	=	75%		
Non-Management				
Integrity Index	=	5.82		
Observation Rate	=	13%		
Reporting Rate	=	50%		

Lowest Integrity Business Unit				
Management				
Integrity Index	=	5.40		
Observation Rate	=	20%		
Reporting Rate	=	46%		
Non-Management				
Integrity Index	=	5.15		
Observation Rate	=	29%		
Reporting Rate	=	39%		

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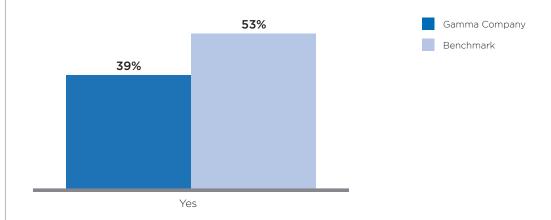
# On average, barely onehalf of managers feel prepared to respond to employee concerns.

Managers receive training from their company typically due to a regulatory need; a significant subset of managers do not believe they have received training and do not feel prepared to respond to questions.

# QUESTION #3: ARE MANAGERS SET UP FOR SUCCESS?

Q: Do You Feel Prepared to Address Employees Reports or Concerns of Misconduct?

Responses from Managers at Gamma Company<sup>1</sup> Versus Benchmark



n = 829.

# Q: How Much Ethics and Compliance Training Have You Received?

Responses from Managers at Gamma Company Versus Benchmark



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Four key leadership competencies that drive a culture of integrity and reduce the likelihood of misconduct.

# **DEFINING ETHICAL LEADERSHIP**

#### **Leadership Competencies**

Highlighted Terms Indicate Competencies That Actually Drive a Culture of Integrity and Reduce the Likelihood of Misconduct

Role model for proper business conduct

# Honesty and integrity

Setting an appropriate ethical tone

Clearly communicating expectation

Skill in managing the company

# Taking action on verified unethical conduct

Intelligence

Commitment to diversity

Accepting responsibility for successes and failures

Friendliness and approachability

Passion to succeed

Treating direct reports the same

# Respecting and trusting employees

Recognising and rewarding achievement

Encouraging employee development

Accurately evaluating employee performance

## Listening carefully to the opinions of others

Defending direct report

Valuing work-life balance

Reputation within the company

#### **Ethical Leadership**

The Corporate Executive board defines "Ethical Leadership" as those managerial attributes which inspire employees to deliver high-performance results against business objectives while embodying the values of the organisation.

Research has found that four demonstrated behaviors are most likely to have the strongest correlation with ethical leadership:

- Honesty and integrity
- Taking action on verified unethical conduct
- Respecting and trusting employees
- Listening carefully to the opinions of others

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# FROM INSIGHT TO ACTION

How the Corporate Executive Board Can Help You to Build Integrity Capital in Your Organisation

#### **Building Organisational Justice**

Take appropriate action to ensure that employees feel comfortable raising ethical concerns.

#### **Products and Services**

- Tailor and deploy our "Voice Your Concerns" training module.
- View our "Employee FAQs" to address speaking up and reporting concerns.
- See how other companies have encouraged employees to speak up through proven best practice case studies.

#### **Creating Local Relevance**

Define local cultural goals and priorities to evaluate progress towards creating a culture of integrity.

#### **Products and Services**

- Deploy our training programmes for dispelling employee myths.
- Apply our recommendations on tailoring training for local relevance.
- View our proven best practice examples on creating policies and procedures to localize company standards.
  - Learn from your peers on integrating integrity-related criteria into traditional performance reviews.

### **Developing Ethical Leaders**

Create effective training to ensure that managers are prepared to appropriately handle employee concerns.

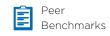
#### **Products and Services**

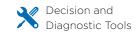
- Learn practical tips and guidelines from our Manager Leadership Training Guide.
- View our "Building Trust with Employees" presentation to create or update your own.
- Learn from peer experiences on onboarding and assessing managers on compliance and ethics criteria.

#### Features



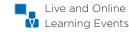












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Assess your company's ethical culture and preemptively identify cultural risks before they lead to compliance failures.

"[RiskClarity, formerly named The Cultural Diagnostic survey] has allowed our company to identify some underlying cultural issues that our risk assessment process had not uncovered. It also provided information to business owners regarding where they should target limited resources for increased training and controls."

Chief Compliance Officer Health Care Services Company

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# RISKCLARITY: A CORPORATE INTEGRITY SERVICE

FOR SENIOR FINANCE, STRATEGY, LEGAL, AND COMPLIANCE EXECUTIVES

Almost 58% of employees at your peer companies do not share bad news and negative feedback because they fear it will negatively impact their careers. What are your employees not telling you?

The Corporate Executive Board's RiskClarity is an employee survey and suite of services that enables your company to do the following:

- Identify cultural weak spots that present increased risk—and missed strategic opportunities—for your organisation.
- Benchmark your results against hundreds of thousands of employees across the globe.
- Analyse your findings by business unit and management level.
- Determine clear, actionable solutions to assess and improve your corporate culture.

Act Today and Learn from Your Peers

~525,000

Participating Employees

~130

Participating Companies

20%

of the Fortune 100

~115

Countries Represented Across Six Continents

## Why RiskClarity Is Different

Guaranteed Data Quality	Established and extensive peer dataset based on four years of research	Developed in collaboration with member companies and academics
Comprehensive Data Collection Tool	Paper and online survey tool including simple, easy-to-follow instructions	Customised data cuts by seniority, function and business unit, and geography
Custom Reports and Support	Custom benchmarking report with detailed analysis	Continued implementation support from your advisory team

# CEB'S CORPORATE INTEGRITY SUPPORT

#### **Audit Director Roundtable**

- Audit Planning
- Internal Controls
- Continuous Monitoring
- Data Analytics
- Talent Management

## **Compliance and Ethics Leadership Council**

- Programme Management
- Policies and Procedures
- Training and Communication
- Corporate Culture and Compliance
- Compliance Risk Management

### **General Counsel Roundtable**

- Legal Risk Management
- Outside Counsel Management
- Records Management
- Department Management and Effectiveness
- Corporate Governance

#### **Additional Offerings**

### RiskClarity: A Corporate Integrity Service

- Quickly create an effective channel to see "bad news" before it goes public and becomes costly.
- Begin changing the culture to yield fewer incidents.
- Determine clear, actionable solutions to mitigate risk.

### **Legal Leadership Academy**

- Offers intensive training sessions for legal department staff
- Builds individual skills in key areas such as business partnering and effective communications
- Cultivates team development and professional engagement

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