



FD Appoints Dr. John Watts as National Head of Research

NEW YORK, May 3, 2010 — FD, the Strategic Communications segment of **FTI Consulting, Inc.**, today announced the appointment of John S. Watts, Ph.D., as Managing Director and national head of research in the firm's Strategy Consulting Practice. A recognized leader in the field, Dr. Watts will oversee FD's research team, advise on key multi-stakeholder research engagements and help to drive expansion of the practice. He will be based in the firm's Chicago office.

Commenting on the appointment, Mark McCall, President and COO of FD America, said, "John brings a strong consulting background and his world-class research expertise will be an asset to the firm. Research forms the foundation of the majority of our client programs and we are pleased to add someone of his caliber to head up this important offering."

As head of research, Dr. Watts will also work closely with FD's senior leaders to further develop the firm's strategy consulting capability. Dr. Watts joins FD from Vivaldi Partners where he was a Managing Director. Earlier, he was a Senior Vice President and Global Managing Director at the Opinion Research Corporation, a leading primary research house, reporting directly to the CEO and overseeing the firm's value based marketing and decision science practices. Dr. Watts began his consulting career as a strategy consultant at Ernst & Young Consulting and Accenture.

Earlier in his career, Dr. Watts taught financial analysis and management accounting at the graduate business schools of the University of Chicago and Purdue University. He has also been a guest speaker at Wharton, Yale, Northwestern and Berkeley, among others. He received his PhD from Carnegie-Mellon in Business, where his primary course work was in Economics and Statistics, and he also has an MBA from SUNY Buffalo.

Dr. Watts is a member of the American Marketing Association, American Statistical Association, Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences, Econometric Society and National Association for Business Economists. He is also a board member of Metro Chicago Information Center, a non-profit organization dedicated to the use of market research and marketing tools to improve the operations of social, arts and non-profit operations.

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