UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

January 3, 2017Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

Huron Consulting Group Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-50976 (Commission File Number)

01-0666114(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

550 West Van Buren Street Chicago, Illinois 60607

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(312) 583-8700

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Appointment of Certain Officers

On January 3, 2017, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Huron Consulting Group Inc. (the "Company") approved the appointment of John D. Kelly to serve as the Company's Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, succeeding C. Mark Hussey in the role of CFO. Mr. Hussey will continue to serve as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.

Mr. Kelly, age 40, has served as the Company's Treasurer since February 2016. He had served as Chief Accounting Officer since February 2015. From February 2015 until February 2016, Mr. Kelly served as the Company's Assistant Treasurer. Mr. Kelly had served as the Company's Controller from November 2012 until February 2015 and Assistant Controller from October 2009 until November 2012. Prior to joining Huron's Finance and Accounting department, Mr. Kelly was a Director in the Company's Disputes and Investigations practice for three years, serving clients in the manufacturing and services industries. Before he joined the Company in December 2006, Mr. Kelly had held several positions within Deloitte & Touche's Assurance and Advisory Services group, most recently as a Senior Manager. Mr. Kelly is a registered certified public accountant.

Mr. Kelly will continue to serve as the Company's Treasurer.

There is no family relationship existing between Mr. Kelly and any executive officer or director of the Company. There have been no transactions, and no transactions are currently proposed, in which the Company was or is to be a participant and in which Mr. Kelly or any member of his immediate family had or will have an interest.

Senior Management Agreement for John D. Kelly

On January 5, 2017, in connection with the appointment of Mr. Kelly as Chief Financial Officer of the Company, the Company entered into a Senior Management Agreement, effective as of January 3, 2017, with Mr. Kelly (the "Kelly Agreement"). Set forth below is a brief description of the material terms of the Kelly Agreement:

Term: Pursuant to the Kelly Agreement, Mr. Kelly's employment by the Company will continue until such time as either Mr. Kelly or the Company terminates his employment pursuant to the terms of the Kelly Agreement.

Base Salary: The Kelly Agreement entitles Mr. Kelly to an annual base salary. The amount of such base salary is not specified in the Kelly Agreement. The Chief Executive Officer of the Company will review Mr. Kelly's compensation annually, based on his performance and the Company's other compensation policies. Mr. Kelly's base salary may not be reduced without his consent unless such reduction is part of a comparable overall reduction for members of senior management of the Company. The Compensation Committee of the Company's Board (the "Compensation Committee") has approved a new base salary of \$325,000 for Mr. Kelly.

Annual Bonus: Each calendar year, Mr. Kelly will be eligible for an annual bonus in an amount determined by the Compensation Committee based on the Company's and Mr. Kelly's performance and the Company's compensation policies. For 2017, the Compensation Committee has approved Mr. Kelly's annual target bonus at 70% of his base salary (\$227,500).

Equity Awards: Mr. Kelly will generally be eligible to participate in the Company's equity plans, with the amount and terms of any equity awards being in the sole discretion of the Compensation Committee based

on the Company's and Mr. Kelly's performance and the Company's compensation policies. The Compensation Committee has approved a long-term equity incentive award for Mr. Kelly of 70% of his base salary (\$227,500), subject to the achievement of predetermined objectives.

Other Benefits: Mr. Kelly will be eligible to participate in the Company's various health and welfare benefit plans for its similarly-situated key management employees.

Post-Termination Payments: If Mr. Kelly's employment is terminated by the Company without Cause (as defined in the Kelly Agreement) or he resigns for Good Reason (as defined in the Kelly Agreement), Mr. Kelly will be entitled to: (i) severance pay in an amount equal to the sum of Mr. Kelly's base salary and the target bonus for the year of termination or resignation; (ii) continuation of medical benefits for twelve (12) months upon the same terms as exist from time to time for active similarly-situated executives of the Company; and (iii) an amount in cash equal to the annual bonus that Mr. Kelly would have earned for the year of termination or resignation had he remained employed for the year in which his termination or resignation occurs based on satisfaction of Company performance targets, prorated for the number of completed days of employment during the year of termination or resignation.

Death or Permanent Disability. If Mr. Kelly's employment is terminated due to Mr. Kelly's death or permanent disability, then Mr. Kelly or Mr. Kelly's estate will be entitled to (i) an amount in cash equal to the annual bonus that Mr. Kelly would have earned for the year of his death or disability, prorated for the number of completed days of employment during that year; (ii) continuation of medical benefits for Mr. Kelly and his eligible dependents upon the same terms as exist immediately prior to the termination of employment for similarly-situated active executives of the Company for the six (6)-month period immediately following the termination of employment; and (iii) full vesting of any outstanding time based equity awards granted to Mr. Kelly.

Change of Control: If (i) Mr. Kelly's employment is terminated by the Company without Cause or if he resigns for a CoC Good Reason (as defined in the Kelly Agreement), in either case, within two (2) years following a Change of Control (as defined in the Kelly Agreement) or (ii) Mr. Kelly reasonably demonstrates that his termination by the Company (or an event which, had it occurred after a Change of Control, would have constituted a CoC Good Reason) prior to a Change of Control was attributable to. or intended to facilitate, a Change of Control or was at the request of a third party acting to effect a Change of Control, and a Change of Control actually occurs within twelve (12) months of such termination or resignation (each of (i) and (ii), a "Qualifying Termination"), then Mr. Kelly will be entitled to: (a) cash equal to one and one-half (1.5) times the sum of his annual base salary and target bonus for the year of termination or resignation; (b) cash equal to the target amount of his annual bonus for the year of termination or resignation, prorated based on the number of days employed in the year of termination or resignation; and (c) continuation of medical benefits for eighteen (18) months following the date of such termination or resignation upon the same terms as exist for him immediately prior to the termination or resignation date. In addition, in the case of a Qualifying Termination that occurs prior to a Change of Control, Mr. Kelly will be provided with a cash payment equal to the difference between (i) the amount of the premium paid by him for continuation of medical benefits under COBRA between the date of the Qualifying Termination and the date of the Change of Control and (ii) the amount of the premium that Mr. Kelly would have paid for continuation of medical benefits during such period had his coverage been continued during such period upon the same terms as existed for him immediately prior to the termination or resignation date. All of Mr. Kelly's outstanding equity grants that were awarded at or prior to the time of the Change of Control will fully vest upon the occurrence of a Qualifying Termination. The receipt of the benefits described in this paragraph is conditioned on Mr. Kelly's compliance with the covenants, warranties, representations and agreements set forth in the Kelly Agreement, as well as his execution and acceptance of the terms and conditions of a general release in the standard form used by the Company.

The Kelly Agreement further provides that if any amount, right or benefit paid or payable to Mr. Kelly under the Kelly Agreement or any other plan, program or arrangement would constitute an "excess parachute payment" under Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code, then the amount of payments payable to Mr. Kelly under the Kelly Agreement will be reduced to the extent necessary so that no portion of such payments is subject to such excise tax.

The foregoing description of the terms of the Kelly Agreement does not purport to be a complete description of the Kelly Agreement and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the text of the Kelly Agreement, which is attached as Exhibit 10.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference into this Item 5.02.

Senior Management Agreement for James H. Roth

On January 5, 2017, the Company entered into a new Amended and Restated Senior Management Agreement, effective as of January 1, 2017 with James H. Roth (the "Roth Agreement"). As described in more detail below, the Roth Agreement consists of substantially the same terms as the Amended and Restated Senior Management Agreement previously entered into by the Company and Mr. Roth except for the following material changes: (i) the amount of severance payable to Mr. Roth in the event of a qualifying termination or resignation changed from the sum of Mr. Roth's base salary and the target bonus for the year of termination to an amount equal to two (2) times this sum; and (ii) the benefits payable to Mr. Roth in the event of a Qualifying Termination (as defined in the Roth Agreement) in connection with a Change of Control (as defined in the Roth Agreement) changed from two (2) times the sum of Mr. Roth's base salary and the target bonus for the year of termination to an amount two and a half (2.5) times this sum; and (iii) a death and permanent disability benefit was added.

The Roth Agreement supersedes and replaces the Amended and Restated Senior Management Agreement previously entered into by the Company and Mr. Roth. Set forth below is a brief description of the material terms of the Roth Agreement, including the changes described above:

Term: The Roth Agreement covers a term beginning on January 1, 2017, and continuing for three years from that date. Following the expiration of that initial three-year term, the Roth Agreement will be automatically renewed every twelve (12) months, unless Mr. Roth or the Company provides sixty (60) days notice to the other that such automatic renewal shall cease. The Roth Agreement may be earlier terminated by Mr. Roth or the Company pursuant to its terms.

Base Salary: The Roth Agreement entitles Mr. Roth to an annual base salary. The amount of such base salary is not specified in the Roth Agreement. The Board of the Company will review Mr. Roth's compensation annually, based on his performance and the Company's other compensation policies. Mr. Roth's base salary may not be reduced without his consent unless such reduction is part of a comparable overall reduction for members of senior management of the Company.

Annual Bonus: Each calendar year Mr. Roth will be eligible for an annual bonus in an amount determined by the Compensation Committee based on the Company's and Mr. Roth's performance and the Company's compensation policies.

Equity Awards: Mr. Roth will generally be eligible to participate in the Company's equity plans, with the amount and terms of any equity awards being in the sole discretion of the Compensation Committee based on the Company's and Mr. Roth's performance and the Company's compensation policies.

Other Benefits: Mr. Roth will be eligible to participate in the Company's various health and welfare benefit plans for its similarly-situated key management employees.

Post-Termination Payments: If Mr. Roth's employment is terminated by the Company without Cause (as defined in the Roth Agreement) or he resigns for Good Reason (as defined in the Roth Agreement), Mr. Roth will be entitled to: (i) severance pay in an amount equal to two (2) times the sum of Mr. Roth's base salary and the target bonus for the year of termination or resignation; (ii) continuation of medical benefits for twenty-four (24) months upon the same terms as exist from time to time for active similarly-situated executives of the Company; and (iii) an amount in cash equal to the annual bonus that Mr. Roth would have earned for the year of termination or resignation had he remained employed for the year in which his termination or resignation occurs based on satisfaction of Company performance targets, prorated for the number of completed days of employment during the year of termination or resignation.

Death or Permanent Disability. If Mr. Roth's employment is terminated due to Mr. Roth's death or permanent disability, then Mr. Roth or Mr. Roth's estate will be entitled to (i) an amount in cash equal to the annual bonus that Mr. Roth would have earned for the year of his death or disability, prorated for the number of completed days of employment during that year; (ii) continuation of medical benefits for Mr. Roth and his eligible dependents upon the same terms as exist immediately prior to the termination of employment for similarly-situated active executives of the Company for the six (6)-month period immediately following the termination of employment; and (iii) full vesting of any outstanding time based equity awards granted to Mr. Roth.

Change of Control: If (i) Mr. Roth's employment is terminated by the Company without Cause or if he resigns for a CoC Good Reason (as defined in the Roth Agreement), in either case, within two (2) years following a Change of Control or (ii) Mr. Roth reasonably demonstrates that his termination by the Company (or an event which, had it occurred after a Change of Control, would have constituted a CoC Good Reason) prior to a Change of Control was attributable to, or intended to facilitate, a Change of Control or was at the request of a third party acting to effect a Change of Control, and a Change of Control actually occurs within twelve (12) months of such termination or resignation (each of (i) and (ii), a "Qualifying Termination"), then Mr. Roth will be entitled to: (a) cash equal to two and one-half (2.5) times the sum of his annual base salary and target bonus for the year of termination or resignation; (b) cash equal to the target amount of his annual bonus for the year of termination or resignation, prorated based on the number of days employed in the year of termination or resignation; and (c) continuation of medical benefits for thirty (30) months following the date of such termination or resignation upon the same terms as exist for him immediately prior to the termination or resignation date. In addition, in the case of a Qualifying Termination that occurs prior to a Change of Control, Mr. Roth will be provided with a cash payment equal to the difference between (i) the amount of the premium paid by him for continuation of medical benefits under COBRA between the date of the Qualifying Termination and the date of the Change of Control and (ii) the amount of the premium that Mr. Roth would have paid for continuation of medical benefits during such period had his coverage been continued during such period upon the same terms as existed for him immediately prior to the termination or resignation date. All of Mr. Roth's outstanding equity grants that were awarded at or prior to the time of the Change of Control will fully vest upon the occurrence of a Qualifying Termination. The receipt of the benefits described in this paragraph is conditioned on Mr. Roth's compliance with the covenants, warranties, representations and agreements set forth in the Roth Agreement, as well as his execution and acceptance of the terms and conditions of a general release in the standard form used by the Company.

The Roth Agreement further provides that if any amount, right or benefit paid or payable to Mr. Roth under the Roth Agreement or any other plan, program or arrangement would constitute an "excess parachute payment" under Section 280G of the Code, subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code, then the amount of payments payable to Mr. Roth under the Roth Agreement will be reduced to the extent necessary so that no portion of such payments is subject to such excise tax.

The foregoing description of the terms of the Roth Agreement does not purport to be a complete description of the Roth Agreement and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the text of the Roth Agreement, which is attached as Exhibit 10.2 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference into this Item 5.02.

Senior Management Agreement for C. Mark Hussey

On January 5, 2017, the Company entered into an amended and restated Senior Management Agreement, effective as of January 1, 2017 with C. Mark Hussey (the "Hussey Agreement"). As described in more detail below, the Hussey Agreement consists of substantially the same terms as the Senior Management Agreement previously entered into by the Company and Mr. Hussey except for the following material changes: (i) the amount of severance payable to Mr. Hussey in the event of certain termination or resignation changed from an amount equal to six (6) months of Mr. Hussey's base salary to an amount equal to one and a half (1.5) times the sum of Mr. Hussey's base salary and his target bonus for the year of termination; (ii) the benefits payable to Mr. Hussey in the event of a Qualifying Termination (as defined in the Hussey Agreement) in connection with a Change of Control (as defined in the Hussey Agreement) changed from the sum of Mr. Hussey's base salary and the target bonus for the year of termination to an amount equal to two (2) times this sum; and (iii) a death and permanent disability benefit was added.

The Hussey Agreement supersedes and replaces the Senior Management Agreement previously entered into by the Company and Mr. Hussey. Set forth below is a brief description of the material terms of the Hussey Agreement, including the changes described above:

Term: Pursuant to the Hussey Agreement, Mr. Hussey's employment by the Company will continue until such time as either Mr. Hussey or the Company terminates his employment pursuant to the terms of the Hussey Agreement.

Base Salary: The Hussey Agreement entitles Mr. Hussey to an annual base salary. The amount of such base salary is not specified in the Hussey Agreement. The Chief Executive Officer of the Company will review Mr. Hussey's compensation annually, based on his performance and the Company's other compensation policies. Mr. Hussey's base salary may not be reduced without his consent unless such reduction is part of a comparable overall reduction for members of senior management of the Company.

Annual Bonus: Each calendar year, Mr. Hussey will be eligible for an annual bonus in an amount determined by the Compensation Committee based on the Company's and Mr. Hussey's performance and the Company's compensation policies.

Equity Awards: Mr. Hussey will generally be eligible to participate in the Company's equity plans, with the amount and terms of any equity awards being in the sole discretion of the Compensation Committee based on the Company's and Mr. Hussey's performance and the Company's compensation policies.

Other Benefits: Mr. Hussey will be eligible to participate in the Company's various health and welfare benefit plans for its similarly-situated key management employees.

Post-Termination Payments: If Mr. Hussey's employment is terminated by the Company without Cause (as defined in the Hussey Agreement) or he resigns for Good Reason (as defined in the Hussey Agreement), Mr. Hussey will be entitled to: (i) severance pay in an amount equal to one and a half (1.5) times the sum of Mr. Hussey's base salary and the target bonus for the year of termination or resignation; (ii) continuation of medical benefits for eighteen (18) months upon the same terms as exist from time to time for active similarly-situated executives of the Company; and (iii) an amount in cash equal to the annual bonus that Mr. Hussey would have earned for the year of termination or resignation had he remained employed for the year in which his termination or resignation occurs based on satisfaction of

Company performance targets, prorated for the number of completed days of employment during the year of termination or resignation.

Death or Permanent Disability. If Mr. Hussey's employment is terminated due to Mr. Hussey's death or permanent disability, then Mr. Hussey or Mr. Hussey's estate will be entitled to (i) an amount in cash equal to the annual bonus that Mr. Hussey would have earned for the year of his death or disability, prorated for the number of completed days of employment during that year; (ii) continuation of medical benefits for Mr. Hussey and his eligible dependents upon the same terms as exist immediately prior to the termination of employment for similarly-situated active executives of the Company for the six (6)-month period immediately following the termination of employment; and (iii) full vesting of any outstanding time based equity awards granted to Mr. Hussey.

Change of Control: If (i) Mr. Hussey's employment is terminated by the Company without Cause or if he resigns for a CoC Good Reason (as defined in the Hussey Agreement), in either case, within two (2) years following a Change of Control or (ii) Mr. Hussey reasonably demonstrates that his termination by the Company (or an event which, had it occurred after a Change of Control, would have constituted a CoC Good Reason) prior to a Change of Control was attributable to, or intended to facilitate, a Change of Control or was at the request of a third party acting to effect a Change of Control, and a Change of Control actually occurs within twelve (12) months of such termination or resignation (each of (i) and (ii), a "Qualifying Termination"), then Mr. Hussey will be entitled to: (a) cash equal to two (2) times the sum of his annual base salary and target bonus for the year of termination or resignation; (b) cash equal to the target amount of his annual bonus for the year of termination or resignation, prorated based on the number of days employed in the year of termination or resignation; and (c) continuation of medical benefits for twenty-four (24) months following the date of such termination or resignation upon the same terms as exist for him immediately prior to the termination or resignation date. In addition, in the case of a Qualifying Termination that occurs prior to a Change of Control, Mr. Hussey will be provided with a cash payment equal to the difference between (i) the amount of the premium paid by him for continuation of medical benefits under COBRA between the date of the Qualifying Termination and the date of the Change of Control and (ii) the amount of the premium that Mr. Hussey would have paid for continuation of medical benefits during such period had his coverage been continued during such period upon the same terms as existed for him immediately prior to the termination or resignation date. All of Mr. Hussey's outstanding equity grants that were awarded at or prior to the time of the Change of Control will fully vest upon the occurrence of a Qualifying Termination. The receipt of the benefits described in this paragraph is conditioned on Mr. Hussey's compliance with the covenants, warranties, representations and agreements set forth in the Hussey Agreement, as well as his execution and acceptance of the terms and conditions of a general release in the standard form used by the Company.

The Hussey Agreement further provides that if any amount, right or benefit paid or payable to Mr. Hussey under the Hussey Agreement or any other plan, program or arrangement would constitute an "excess parachute payment" under Section 280G of the Code, subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code, then the amount of payments payable to Mr. Hussey under the Hussey Agreement will be reduced to the extent necessary so that no portion of such payments is subject to such excise tax.

The foregoing description of the terms of the Hussey Agreement does not purport to be a complete description of the Hussey Agreement and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the text of the Hussey Agreement, which is attached as Exhibit 10.3 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference into this Item 5.02.

Senior Management Agreement for Diane E. Ratekin

On January 5, 2017, the Company entered into an amended and restated Senior Management Agreement, effective as of January 1, 2017 with Diane E. Ratekin (the "Ratekin Agreement"). As described in more detail below, the Ratekin Agreement consists of substantially the same terms as the Senior Management Agreement previously entered into by the Company and Ms. Ratekin except for the following material changes: (i) the amount of severance payable to Ms. Ratekin in the event of certain termination or resignation changed from an amount equal to six (6) months of Ms. Ratekin's base salary to an amount equal to the sum of Ms. Ratekin's base annual salary and her target bonus for the year of termination; (ii) the amount payable to Ms. Ratekin in the event of certain termination or resignation increased by an amount equal to the annual bonus that Ms. Ratekin would have earned for the year of termination or resignation, prorated for the number of completed days of employment during the year of termination or resignation; (iii) the benefits payable to Ms. Ratekin in the event of a Qualifying Termination (as defined in the Ratekin Agreement) in connection with a Change of Control (as defined in the Ratekin Agreement) changed from the sum of Ms. Ratekin's base salary and the target bonus for the year of termination to an amount equal to one and one half (1.5) times this sum; and (iv) a death and permanent disability benefit was added.

The Ratekin Agreement supersedes and replaces the Senior Management Agreement previously entered into by the Company and Ms. Ratekin. Set forth below is a brief description of the material terms of the Ratekin Agreement, including the changes described above:

Term: Pursuant to the Ratekin Agreement, Ms. Ratekin's employment by the Company will continue until such time as either Ms. Ratekin or the Company terminates her employment pursuant to the terms of the Ratekin Agreement.

Base Salary: The Ratekin Agreement entitles Ms. Ratekin to an annual base salary. The amount of such base salary is not specified in the Ratekin Agreement. The Chief Executive Officer of the Company will review Ms. Ratekin's compensation annually, based on her performance and the Company's other compensation policies. Ms. Ratekin's base salary may not be reduced without her consent unless such reduction is part of a comparable overall reduction for members of senior management of the Company.

Annual Bonus: Each calendar year, Ms. Ratekin will be eligible for an annual bonus in an amount determined by the Compensation Committee based on the Company's and Ms. Ratekin's performance and the Company's compensation policies.

Equity Awards: Ms. Ratekin will generally be eligible to participate in the Company's equity plans, with the amount and terms of any equity awards being in the sole discretion of the Compensation Committee based on the Company's and Ms. Ratekin's performance and the Company's compensation policies.

Other Benefits: Ms. Ratekin will be eligible to participate in the Company's various health and welfare benefit plans for its similarly-situated key management employees.

Post-Termination Payments: If Ms. Ratekin's employment is terminated by the Company without Cause (as defined in the Ratekin Agreement) or she resigns for Good Reason (as defined in the Ratekin Agreement), Ms. Ratekin will be entitled to: (i) severance pay in an amount equal to the sum of Ms. Ratekin's annual base salary and the target bonus for the year of termination or resignation; (ii) continuation of medical benefits for twelve (12) months upon the same terms as exist from time to time for active similarly-situated executives of the Company; and (iii) an amount in cash equal to the annual bonus that Ms. Ratekin would have earned for the year of termination or resignation had she remained employed for the year in which her termination or resignation occurs based on satisfaction of Company

performance targets, prorated for the number of completed days of employment during the year of termination or resignation.

Death or Permanent Disability. If Ms. Ratekin's employment is terminated due to Ms. Ratekin's death or permanent disability, then Ms. Ratekin or Ms. Ratekin's estate will be entitled to (i) an amount in cash equal to the annual bonus that Ms. Ratekin would have earned for the year of her death or disability, prorated for the number of completed days of employment during that year; (ii) continuation of medical benefits for Ms. Ratekin and her eligible dependents upon the same terms as exist immediately prior to the termination of employment for similarly-situated active executives of the Company for the six (6)-month period immediately following the termination of employment; and (iii) full vesting of any outstanding time based equity awards granted to Ms. Ratekin.

Change of Control: If (i) Ms. Ratekin's employment is terminated by the Company without Cause or if she resigns for a CoC Good Reason (as defined in the Ratekin Agreement), in either case, within two (2) years following a Change of Control or (ii) Ms. Ratekin reasonably demonstrates that her termination by the Company (or an event which, had it occurred after a Change of Control, would have constituted a CoC Good Reason) prior to a Change of Control was attributable to, or intended to facilitate, a Change of Control or was at the request of a third party acting to effect a Change of Control, and a Change of Control actually occurs within twelve (12) months of such termination or resignation (each of (i) and (ii), a "Qualifying Termination"), then Ms. Ratekin will be entitled to: (a) cash equal to one and a half (1.5) times the sum of her annual base salary and target bonus for the year of termination or resignation; (b) cash equal to the target amount of her annual bonus for the year of termination or resignation, prorated based on the number of days employed in the year of termination or resignation; and (c) continuation of medical benefits for eighteen (18) months following the date of such termination or resignation upon the same terms as exist for her immediately prior to the termination or resignation date. In addition, in the case of a Qualifying Termination that occurs prior to a Change of Control, Ms. Ratekin will be provided with a cash payment equal to the difference between (i) the amount of the premium paid by her for continuation of medical benefits under COBRA between the date of the Qualifying Termination and the date of the Change of Control and (ii) the amount of the premium that Ms. Ratekin would have paid for continuation of medical benefits during such period had her coverage been continued during such period upon the same terms as existed for her immediately prior to the termination or resignation date. All of Ms. Ratekin's outstanding equity grants that were awarded at or prior to the time of the Change of Control will fully vest upon the occurrence of a Qualifying Termination. The receipt of the benefits described in this paragraph is conditioned on Ms. Ratekin's compliance with the covenants, warranties, representations and agreements set forth in the Ratekin Agreement, as well as her execution and acceptance of the terms and conditions of a general release in the standard form used by the Company.

The Ratekin Agreement further provides that if any amount, right or benefit paid or payable to Ms. Ratekin under the Ratekin Agreement or any other plan, program or arrangement would constitute an "excess parachute payment" under Section 280G of the Code, subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code, then the amount of payments payable to Ms. Ratekin under the Ratekin Agreement will be reduced to the extent necessary so that no portion of such payments is subject to such excise tax.

The foregoing description of the terms of the Ratekin Agreement does not purport to be a complete description of the Ratekin Agreement and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the text of the Ratekin Agreement, which is attached as Exhibit 10.4 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference into this Item 5.02.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

- 10.1 Senior Management Agreement by and between Huron Consulting Group Inc. and John D. Kelly
- 10.2 Amended and Restated Senior Management Agreement by and between Huron Consulting Group Inc. and James H. Roth
- 10.3 Senior Management Agreement by and between Huron Consulting Group Inc. and C. Mark Hussey
- 10.4 Senior Management Agreement by and between Huron Consulting Group Inc. and Diane E. Ratekin

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Se	curities Exchange Act of 1934,	, the registrant has duly car	used this report to be signed
on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly	authorized.		

		Huron Consulting Group Inc.	
		(Registrant)	
Date:	January 6, 2017	/s/ Diane E. Ratekin	
		Diane E. Ratekin	
		Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary	

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SENIOR MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN HURON CONSULTING GROUP INC.

AND

JOHN D. KELLY

SENIOR MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

SENIOR MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT (the "**Agreement**"), effective as of January 3, 2017 (the "Effective Date"), by and between Huron Consulting Group Inc., a Delaware corporation ("**Huron**"), and John D. Kelly ("**Executive**").

PRELIMINARY RECITALS

WHEREAS, Huron and its affiliates are engaged in the business of providing diversified business consulting services (the "Business"). For purposes of this Agreement (except where the context contemplates otherwise), the term the "Company" shall include Huron, its subsidiaries and assignees and any successors in interest of the Company and its subsidiaries;

WHEREAS, the Company currently employs Executive and desires to continue to employ Executive from and after the Effective Date, and Executive desires to continue to be so employed by the Company, as set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, the mutual covenants of the parties hereinafter set forth and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

1. Employment.

- 1.1 <u>Title and Duties</u>. The Company agrees to continue to employ Executive, and Executive agrees to accept such continuing employment with the Company, as Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer for the Employment Period, in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. During the Employment Period, Executive shall have such responsibilities, duties and authorities as are customarily assigned to such position and shall render such services or act in such capacity for the Company and its affiliates, as Huron's Chief Executive Officer (the "CEO") shall from time to time direct. Executive shall perform the duties and carry out the responsibilities assigned to Executive, to the best of Executive's ability, in a trustworthy and businesslike manner for the purpose of advancing the business of the Company and its affiliates. Executive shall engage in travel as reasonably required in the performance of Executive's duties. Executive acknowledges that Executive's duties and responsibilities hereunder will require Executive's full business time and effort and agrees that, during the Employment Period, Executive will not engage in any other business activity or have any business pursuits or interests which materially interfere or conflict with the performance of Executive's duties hereunder; provided that Executive may, with the approval of the CEO or his designee, serve on the board of other corporations or charitable organizations and engage in charitable activities, community affairs, and teaching.
- 1.2 <u>Employment Period</u>. The employment of Executive under this Agreement shall continue, unless one of the parties shall deliver to the other sixty (60) days' advance written notice of the cessation of Executive's employment (the "**Employment Period**"). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Employment Period is subject to termination pursuant to this **Section 1.2** and **Sections 1.3**, **1.4** and **1.5**.
- 1.3 <u>Termination Upon Death</u>. If Executive dies during the Employment Period, Executive's employment shall automatically terminate on the date of Executive's death.

- 1.4 <u>Termination by the Company</u>.
- (a) The Company may terminate Executive's employment hereunder upon written notice to Executive as described in **Section 10.5**. Such termination shall be effective upon the date notice of such termination is given pursuant to **Section 10.5** unless such notice shall otherwise provide.
- (b) For purpose of this Agreement, "**Cause**" means the occurrence of any of the following events, as determined in the reasonable good faith judgment of the CEO:
 - (i) the failure of Executive to perform Executive's material duties (unless such failure relates to any disability, sickness or injury of Executive) which failure continues for twenty (20) days after the Company has given written notice to Executive specifying in reasonable detail the manner in which Executive has failed to perform such duties and affording opportunity to cure;
 - (ii) commission by Executive of an act or omission (A) constituting (x) a felony, (y) dishonesty with respect to the Company or (z) fraud, or (B) that (x) could reasonably be expected to adversely and materially affect the Company's business or reputation, or (y) involves moral turpitude;
 - (iii) the breach, non-performance or non-observance of any of the material terms of this Agreement (other than a breach, non-performance or nonobservance described in clause (i) of this **Section 1.4(b)**), or any other agreement to which Executive and the Company are parties, by Executive, if such breach, non-performance or non-observance shall continue beyond a period of twenty (20) days immediately after written notice thereof given by the Company to Executive; or
 - (iv) any breach, non-performance or non-observance of any of **Sections 6.3, 6.4**, or **6.5** of this Agreement; provided that if such conduct occurs while Executive is employed hereunder, the Company shall allow Executive an opportunity for a hearing before Huron's Board of Directors (the "**Board**") prior to any termination of Executive for Cause.
- (c) Executive shall be deemed to have a "**Permanent Disability**" for purposes of this Agreement if Executive is eligible to receive benefits under the Company's long-term disability plan then covering Executive.
- 1.5 Termination by Executive. Except as otherwise provided herein, Executive shall give sixty (60) days' notice to the Company prior to the effectiveness of any resignation of Executive's employment with the Company. Executive's termination of employment shall be deemed to be on account of "Good Reason" if (a)(i) the Company gives notice to Executive that, during the Employment Period, Executive's primary location of employment with the Company will change to a location that is more than fifty (50) miles from Executive's primary location of employment with the Company in Chicago, Illinois, if (ii) Executive gives notice to the Company that the Company has materially failed to comply with any material term of this Agreement, or (iii) the Company materially reduces Executive's base salary or benefits coverage, provided that such reduction is without Executive's consent, is not warranted by the Company's financial condition, and is not a change that applies uniformly to similarly-situated Company executives, (b) the Company does not rescind (or otherwise cure) such event or condition within the sixty (60) day period following the occurrence of such event or, if applicable, the date of the notice from Executive to the Company, and (c) Executive resigns his employment within thirty (30) days after the end of such sixty (60) day cure period. Any notice from

Executive to the Company under Section 1.5(a)(ii) or (iii) shall be provided within thirty (30) days after Executive first has knowledge of the applicable event or condition.

2. Compensation.

- 2.1 <u>Base Salary</u>. As consideration for the services of Executive hereunder, the Company shall pay Executive an annual base salary (the "**Base Salary**"), payable in accordance with the Company's customary payroll practices as in effect from time to time. The CEO shall perform an annual review of Executive's compensation based on Executive's performance of Executive's duties and the Company's other compensation policies, provided that Executive's Base Salary shall not be reduced without Executive's consent unless such reduction is part of a comparable overall reduction for members of senior management. The term Base Salary shall include any changes to the Base Salary from time to time.
- 2.2 <u>Bonus Programs</u>. For each calendar year, Executive shall be eligible for an annual bonus in an amount determined by the Compensation Committee of the Board (the "Compensation Committee") based on Executive's performance of Executive's duties and the Company's other compensation policies (the "**Annual Bonus**"). The actual Annual Bonus paid will be based on Company and Executive performance. Except as otherwise described in this Agreement, Executive's right to any bonus payable pursuant to this **Section 2.2** shall be contingent upon Executive being employed by the Company on the date the Annual Bonus is generally paid to executives of the Company.
- 3. <u>Equity Awards</u>. Executive shall generally be eligible to participate in Huron's equity plans from time to time, with the amount of any equity awards, and the terms and conditions under which they are granted being in the sole discretion of the Compensation Committee based on Executive's performance of Executive's duties and the Company's other compensation policies. Such equity awards shall be subject to the terms of the applicable equity incentive plan of the Company and granting agreement.

4. <u>Benefits and Expenses</u>.

- 4.1 <u>Benefits</u>. During the Employment Period, Executive shall be eligible to participate in the various health and welfare benefit plans maintained by the Company for its similarly-situated key management employees from time to time, including but not limited to paid vacation, medical and dental insurance, and disability and life insurance at levels as are provided from time to time to similarly-situated executives of the Company.
- Business Expenses. During the Employment Period, the Company shall reimburse Executive for all ordinary, necessary and reasonable travel and other business expenses incurred by Executive in connection with the performance of Executive's duties hereunder, in accordance with the Company policy. Such reimbursement shall be made upon presentation of itemized expense statements and such other supporting documentation as the Company may reasonably require. To the extent that any such reimbursements are taxable to Executive ("Taxable Reimbursements"), such reimbursements shall be paid to Executive only if (a) the expenses are incurred and reimbursable pursuant to a reimbursement plan that provides an objectively determinable nondiscretionary definition of the expenses that are eligible for reimbursement and (b) the expenses are incurred during the Employment Period. With respect to any Taxable Reimbursements, the amount of the expenses that are eligible for reimbursement during one calendar year may not affect the amount of reimbursements to be provided in any subsequent calendar year, the reimbursement of an eligible expense shall be made on or before the last day of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the expense was incurred, and the right to reimbursement of the expenses shall not be subject to liquidation or exchange for any other benefit.

5. <u>Compensation After Termination</u>.

5.1 <u>Termination For Cause; Resignation Without Good Reason</u>. If,

Executive's employment is terminated by the Company for Cause or if Executive resigns his employment other than for Good Reason during the Employment Period then, except as required by law, the Company shall have no further obligations to Executive (except payment of the Base Salary accrued through the date of said termination), and the Company shall continue to have all other rights available hereunder (including, without limitation, all rights under the Restrictive Covenants at law or in equity).

5.2 <u>Termination Without Cause; Resignation For Good Reason.</u>

- (a) If, Executive's employment is terminated by the Company without Cause or Executive resigns for Good Reason, then, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Executive shall be entitled to receive the following amounts and benefits:
 - (i) an amount in cash equal to one (1) times the sum of Executive's annual Base Salary and Target Bonus for the year of termination or resignation ("Severance Pay") payable to Executive in one lump sum within sixty (60) days following Executive's termination of employment;
 - (ii) Continuation of medical benefits for twelve (12) months upon the same terms as exist from time to time for active similarly-situated executives of the Company, which benefits shall be considered part of, and not in addition to, any coverage required under COBRA; and
 - (iii) An amount in cash equal to the Annual Bonus that Executive would have earned for the year of termination or resignation had he remained employed for the year in which his termination or resignation occurs based on satisfaction of Company performance targets, multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of completed days of employment by Executive (including the date of termination or resignation) during the year of termination or resignation and the denominator of which is 365, which amount will be paid to Executive at the same time that the annual bonus is otherwise payable to the Company's executives in accordance with the annual bonus plan.
- (b) The Company shall have no other obligations under this Agreement or otherwise for periods from and after Executive's employment termination date (except payment of the Base Salary accrued through the date of said termination), and the Company shall continue to have all other rights available hereunder (including, without limitation, all rights under the Restrictive Covenants at law or in equity).
- 5.3 <u>Termination Due To Death, Permanent Disability</u>. If Executive's employment is terminated due to Executive's Permanent Disability or if Executive dies during the Employment Period, then subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, (a) Executive or Executive's estate, as the case may be, shall be entitled to receive, in addition to any amounts Executive may be entitled to receive under the Company's long-term disability plan or other benefit plans, payment of Base Salary through the date of termination, and (b) Executive and/or Executive's eligible dependents shall receive continuation of medical benefits upon the same terms as exist immediately prior to the termination of employment for similarly-situated active executives of the Company for the six (6)-month period immediately following the termination of employment (which benefits shall be considered part of, and not in addition to, any coverage required under COBRA). The Company shall have no other obligations under this Section 5.3 or otherwise with

respect to Executive's employment from and after the termination date, and the Company shall continue to have all other rights available hereunder (including, without limitation, all rights under the Restrictive Covenants at law or in equity). Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Executive or Executive's estate shall also be entitled to receive the following amounts and benefits:

- (a) An amount in cash equal to the then-prevailing target amount of Executive's Annual Bonus ("**Target Bonus**") for the year of death or disability multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of completed days of employment by Executive (including the date of termination or resignation) during the year of termination or resignation and the denominator of which is 365, which amount will be paid to Executive or Executive's estate at the same time that the annual bonus is otherwise payable to the Company's executives in accordance with the annual bonus plan.
- (b) Full vesting of any outstanding time-based equity awards granted to Executive, notwithstanding anything to the contrary that may be delineated in any equity plan or equity award agreement. Performance based equity will be treated in accordance with the applicable performance share equity agreement then in effect
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 - 5.5 <u>Change of Control</u>.
- (a) The provisions of **Sections 5.2** and **5.3** hereof to the contrary notwithstanding but subject to the other terms and conditions of this Agreement, if (i) Executive is terminated by the Company without Cause or Executive resigns her employment for CoC Good Reason (defined below) in either case during the period commencing on a Change of Control (defined below) and ending on the second anniversary of the Change of Control (such two year period being the "**Protection Period**" hereunder), or (ii) Executive reasonably demonstrates that the Company's termination of Executive's employment (or an event which, had it occurred following a Change of Control, would have constituted CoC Good Reason) prior to a Change of Control was attributable to or intended to facilitate a Change of Control or was at the request of or instigation of a third party who was taking steps reasonably calculated to effect a Change of Control (or otherwise in contemplation of a Change of Control) and a Change of Control actually occurs within twelve (12) months of such termination or resignation of Executive (a "**Qualifying Termination**"), then, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Executive shall be entitled to receive the following payments and benefits:
 - (i) an amount in cash equal to one and one-half (1.5) times the sum of Executive's annual Base Salary and Target Bonus for the year of termination or resignation;
 - (ii) an amount in cash equal to the then-prevailing target amount of Executive's Annual Bonus ("**Target Bonus**") for the year of termination or resignation multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of completed days of employment by Executive (including the date of termination or resignation) during the year of termination or resignation and the denominator of which is 365, which amount will be paid to Executive at the same time that the annual bonus is otherwise payable to the Company's executives in accordance with the annual bonus plan;
 - (iii) anything set forth in any equity plan, equity award or any other provision of this Agreement between the Company and Executive to the contrary notwithstanding, all of

Executive's outstanding equity grants that were awarded at or prior to the time of the Change of Control shall fully vest upon the occurrence of a Qualifying Termination; and

(iv) continuation of medical benefits eighteen (18) months from the date of such termination or resignation upon the same terms as exist for Executive immediately prior to the termination or resignation date (which benefits shall be considered part of, and not in addition to, any coverage required under COBRA).

Following any termination or resignation of Executive's employment pursuant to this Section 5.5, the Company shall continue to have all other rights available hereunder (including, without limitation, all rights under the Restrictive Covenants and any restrictive covenants set forth in any plan, award and agreement applicable to Executive, at law or in equity). Subject to Executive's execution of the Release described in Section 5.6, the payments described in clauses (i) and (ii) ("Change of Control Severance Pay") shall be paid in a lump sum within sixty (60) days following Executive's termination or resignation of employment (or, in the case of a Qualifying Termination that occurs prior to the Change of Control, within sixty (60) days following the Change of Control). If the Qualifying Termination occurs prior to a Change of Control, in addition to the benefits described in clause (iv) of this **Section 5.5(a)**, Executive shall be paid a lump sum cash payment equal to the difference between (I) the applicable premium paid by Executive for continuation of medical benefits under COBRA from the date of the Qualifying Termination through the date of the Change of Control (the "**Pre-CoC Coverage Period**") and (II) the amount of the applicable premium that would have been paid by Executive for continuation of medical benefits during the Pre-CoC Coverage Period had the provisions of Section 5.5(a)(iv) been given effect from the date of the Qualifying Termination, which payment shall be made in a lump sum within sixty (60) days following the Change of Control. If (and to the extent) that the benefits provided pursuant to Section 5.5(a)(iv) are taxable to Executive and are subject to Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), the amount of the expenses that are eligible for reimbursement during one calendar year may not affect the amount of reimbursements to be provided in any subsequent calendar year, the reimbursement of an eligible expense shall be made on or before the last day of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the expense was incurred, and the right to reimbursement of the expenses shall not be subject to liquidation or exchange for any other benefit.

- (b) Payments and benefits under **Section 5.5(a)** shall not be subject to mitigation or offset, except that medical benefits may be offset by comparable benefits obtained by Executive in connection with subsequent employment. Nothing in this **Section 5.5** is intended to result in duplication of benefits provided by other provisions of this Agreement.
- (c) The Change of Control Severance Pay shall be in lieu of the Severance Pay otherwise for a termination under **Section 5.2** of this Agreement and any other plan or agreement of the Company, whether adopted before or after the date hereof, which provides severance payments or benefits. For the avoidance of doubt, Executive shall not be entitled to payments and benefits under both this **Section 5.5** and any other provision of this **Section 5** as the result of his termination of employment.
- (d) If it is determined that any amount, right or benefit paid or payable (or otherwise provided or to be provided) to Executive by the Company or any of its affiliates under this Agreement or any other plan, program or arrangement under which Executive participates or is a party (collectively, the "Payments"), would constitute an "excess parachute payment" within the meaning of Section 280G of the Code, subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code, as amended from time to time (the "Excise Tax"), then the amount of the Payments payable to Executive under this Agreement shall be reduced (a "Reduction") to the extent necessary so that no portion of such Payments payable to Executive is subject to the Excise Tax.

All determinations required to be made under this **Section 5.5(d)** and the assumptions to be utilized in arriving at such determination, shall be made by an independent, nationally recognized accounting firm mutually acceptable to the Company and Executive (the "**Auditor**"); provided that in the event a Reduction is required, Executive may determine which Payments shall be reduced in order to comply with the provisions of **Section 5.5(de)**; provided, however that Executive may not determine such order with respect to any payments that are subject to Section 409A of the Code. The Auditor shall promptly provide detailed supporting calculations to both the Company and Executive following any determination that a Reduction is necessary. All fees and expenses of the Auditor shall be paid by the Company. All determinations made by the Auditor shall be binding upon the Company and Executive.

- (e) For purposes of this Agreement, the term "Change of Control" shall be deemed to have occurred upon the first to occur of the following events:
 - (i) any Person becomes the Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of common stock or voting securities of Huron (not including in the amounts beneficially owned by such Person any common stock or voting securities acquired directly from Huron or its Affiliates) representing 40% or more of the combined voting power of Huron's then outstanding securities; or
 - (ii) there is consummated a merger or consolidation of Huron or any direct or indirect subsidiary of Huron with any Person, other than (A) a merger or consolidation which would result in the voting securities of Huron outstanding immediately prior to such merger or consolidation continuing to represent (either by remaining outstanding or by being converted into voting securities of the surviving entity or any parent thereof) at least 50% of the combined voting power of the securities of Huron or such surviving entity or any parent thereof outstanding immediately after such merger or consolidation, (B) a merger or consolidation effected to implement a recapitalization of Huron (or similar transaction) after which no Person other than existing security holders is or becomes the Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of securities of Huron (not including in the amount Beneficially Owned by such Person any common stock or voting securities acquired directly from Huron or its Affiliates) representing 50% or more of the combined voting power of Huron's then outstanding securities, or (C) a merger or consolidation of a subsidiary of Huron that does not represent a sale of all or substantially all of the assets of Huron; or
 - (iii) the shareholders of Huron approve a plan of complete liquidation or dissolution of Huron (except for a plan of liquidation or dissolution effected to implement a recapitalization of Huron addressed in (ii) above); or
 - (iv) there is consummated an agreement for the sale or disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of Huron to a Person, other than a sale or disposition by Huron of all or substantially all of the assets of Huron to an entity at least 50% of the combined voting power of the voting securities of which are owned by shareholders of Huron.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a "**Change of Control**" shall not be deemed to have occurred by virtue of the consummation of any transaction or series of integrated transactions immediately following which the record holders of the common stock of Huron immediately prior to such transaction or series of transactions continue to have substantially the same proportionate ownership in an entity which owns all or substantially all of the assets of Huron immediately following such transaction or series of transactions.

For purposes of this Change of Control definition, (I) "Beneficial Owner" shall have the meaning set forth in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act, (II) "Exchange Act" shall mean the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time, (III) "Person" shall have the meaning given in Section 3(a)(9) of the Exchange Act, as modified and used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) thereof, except that such term shall not include (w)Huron or any of Huron's direct or indirect subsidiaries, (x) a trustee or other fiduciary holding securities under an employee benefit plan of Huron or any of its Affiliates, (y) an underwriter temporarily holding securities pursuant to an offering of such securities, or (z) a corporation owned, directly or indirectly, by the stockholders of Huron in substantially the same proportions as their ownership of stock of Huron and (IV) "Affiliate" shall have the meaning set forth in Rule 12b-2 promulgated under Section 12 of the Exchange Act.

- (f) For purposes of this **Section 5.5** (and distinguished from "Good Reason" provided under certain other circumstances under this Agreement), the term "**CoC Good Reason**" means the occurrence of any of the following within the twenty-four (24) month period following a Change of Control (or prior to a Change of Control in connection with a Qualifying Termination) without the express written consent of Executive:
 - (i) any material breach by the Company of this Agreement;
 - (ii) any material adverse change in the status, responsibilities or position of Executive;
 - (iii) any material reduction in Base Salary or Target Bonus, other than in connection with an across-the-board reduction in Base Salaries applicable in like proportions to all similarly-situated executives of the Company and any direct or indirect parent of the Company;
 - (iv) assignment of duties to Executive that are materially inconsistent with Executive's position and responsibilities described in this Agreement; and
 - (v) requiring Executive to be principally based at any office or location more than fifty (50) miles from the current offices of the Company in Chicago, IL.

The foregoing to the contrary notwithstanding, if Huron is acquired as a subsidiary or division of a reporting company pursuant to Section 13 and Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the fact that Executive is not named as General Counsel of the reporting company following the Change of Control shall not constitute CoC Good Reason.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this paragraph (f), Executive's termination of employment shall be considered to be on account of CoC Good Reason only if (A) an event or condition occurs which satisfies the foregoing provisions of this **Section 5.5(f)**, (B) Executive provides the Company with written notice pursuant to **Section 10.5** that he intends to resign for CoC Good Reason and such written notice includes (I) a designation of at least one of **Section 5.5(f)(i)-(v)** (the "**Designated Sections**") which Executive believes is the basis for CoC Good Reason and (II) specifically describes the events or conditions Executive is relying upon to satisfy the requirements of the Designated Sections, (C) as of the thirtieth (30th) day following the Company's receipt of such notice from Executive, such events or conditions have not been corrected in all material respects, and (D) Executive resigns his employment within sixty (60) days after the date on which Executive first has actual knowledge of the occurrence of the events or conditions upon which Executive relies upon to satisfy any of the Designated Sections.

5.6 <u>General Release</u>. Executive acknowledges and agrees that Executive's right to receive severance pay and other benefits (including post-termination equity vesting) pursuant to **Section 5.2** and **5.5** of this Agreement (collectively, the "**Severance**" Benefits") is contingent upon Executive's compliance with the covenants, representations, warranties and agreements set forth in **Section 6** of this Agreement and, except for those payments and benefits required to be made or provided by law or pursuant to the express terms of a benefit plan (and other than those benefits to be provided upon death), such Severance Benefits shall be conditioned upon Executive's execution and acceptance of the terms and conditions of, and the effectiveness of, a general release in the standard form used by the Company at the time of Executive's termination of employment. (the "Release"); provided, however, that such Release shall not require Executive to relinquish any rights or claims that (a) arise after his execution of the Release, (b) relate to indemnification or liability insurance pursuant to the Company's insurance plans, bylaws or applicable law, or (c) cannot be waived by law. If Executive fails to comply with the covenants set forth in **Section 6** or if Executive fails to execute the Release or revokes the Release during the seven (7)-day period following his execution of the Release, then Executive shall not be entitled to any Severance Benefits. The Company shall provide Executive with the Release within five (5) days following his termination of employment (or, in the case of any benefits relating to a Qualifying Termination occurring prior to a Change of Control, within five (5) days following the Change of Control). Executive shall be entitled to any such Severance Benefits only if the Release has been executed, is effective and the applicable revocation period has expired no later than the date as of which such Severance Benefits are to be paid (or provided) pursuant to this Agreement and if such requirements are not satisfied, Executive shall not be entitled to any such Severance Benefits.

6. Restrictive Covenants and Agreements.

- 6.1 <u>Executive's Acknowledgment</u>. Executive agrees and acknowledges that in order to assure the Company that it will retain its value and that of the Business as a going concern, it is necessary that Executive not utilize special knowledge of the Business and its relationships with customers to compete with the Company. Executive further acknowledges that:
 - (a) the Company is and will be engaged in the Business during the Employment Period and thereafter;
 - (b) Executive will occupy a position of trust and confidence with the Company, and during the Employment Period, Executive will become familiar with the Company's trade secrets and with other proprietary and Confidential Information concerning the Company and the Business;
 - (c) the agreements and covenants contained in this **Section 6** and **Sections 7, 8** and **9** are essential to protect the Company and the confidentiality of its Confidential Information (defined below) and near permanent client relationships as well as goodwill of the Business and compliance with such agreements and covenants will not impair Executive's ability to procure subsequent and comparable employment; and
 - (d) Executive's employment with the Company has special, unique and extraordinary value to the Company and the Company would be irreparably damaged if Executive were to provide services to any person or entity in violation of the provisions of this Agreement.
- 6.2 <u>Confidential Information</u>. As used in this **Section 6, "Confidential Information"** shall mean the Company's trade secrets and other non-public information relating to the Company or the Business, including, without limitation, information relating to financial statements, customer identities, potential customers, employees, suppliers, acquisition targets, servicing methods, equipment, programs,

strategies and information, analyses, marketing plans and strategies, profit margins and other information developed or used by the Company in connection with the Business that is not known generally to the public or the industry and that gives the Company an advantage in the marketplace. Confidential Information shall not include any information that is in the public domain or becomes known in the public domain through no wrongful act on the part of Executive. Executive agrees to deliver to the Company at the termination of Executive's employment, or at any other time the Company may request, all memoranda, notes, plans, records, reports and other documents (and copies thereof) relating to the Business or the Company or other forms of Confidential Information which Executive may then possess or have under Executive's control.

6.3 <u>Non-Disclosure</u>. Executive agrees that during employment with the Company and thereafter, Executive shall not reveal to any competitor or other person or entity (other than current employees of the Company) any Confidential Information regarding Clients (as defined herein) that Executive obtains while performing services for the Company. Executive further agrees that Executive will not use or disclose any Confidential Information of the Company, other than in connection with Executive's work for the Company, until such information becomes generally known in the industry through no fault of Executive.

Nothing in this Agreement prohibits Executive from reporting an event that Executive reasonably and in good faith believes is a violation of law to the relevant law-enforcement agency (such as the Securities and Exchange Commission, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, or Department of Labor), or from cooperating in an investigation conducted by such a government agency. Executive is hereby provided notice that under the 2016 Defend Trade Secrets Act (DTSA): (1) no individual will be held criminally or civilly liable under Federal or State trade secret law for the disclosure of a trade secret (as defined in the Economic Espionage Act) that: (A) is made in confidence to a Federal, State, or local government official, either directly or indirectly, or to an attorney; and made solely for the purpose of reporting or investigating a suspected violation of law; or, (B) is made in a complaint or other document filed in a lawsuit or other proceeding, if such filing is made under seal so that it is not made public; and, (2) an individual who pursues a lawsuit for retaliation by an employer for reporting a suspected violation of the law may disclose the trade secret to the attorney of the individual and use the trade secret information in the court proceeding, if the individual files any document containing the trade secret under seal, and does not disclose the trade secret, except as permitted by court order

6.4 <u>Non-Solicitation of Clients</u>. Executive acknowledges that Executive will learn and develop Confidential Information relating to the Company's Clients and relating to the Company's servicing of those Clients. Executive recognizes that the Company's relationships with its Clients are extremely valuable to it and that the protection of the Company's relationships with its Clients is essential.

Accordingly, and in consideration of the Company's employment of Executive and the various benefits and payments provided in conjunction therewith, Executive agrees that during the Employment Period and for the longer period ("Restricted Period") thereafter of (i) the period for which Executive is entitled to receive severance payments under Section 5.2(a)(i) or, if applicable, Section 5.5(a)(ii), or (ii) twelve (12) months following termination of Executive's employment with the Company for any reason, Executive will not, whether or not Executive is then self-employed or employed by another, directly or through another, provide services that are the same or similar to those services offered for sale and/or under any stage of development by the Company at the time of Executive's termination, to any Client of the Company whom Executive:

- (a) obtained as a Client for the Company; or
- (b) consulted with, provided services for, or supervised the provision of services for during the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding termination of Executive's employment; or

- (c) submitted or assisted in the submission of a proposal for the provision of services during the six (6) month period immediately preceding termination of Executive's employment.
- "Client" shall mean those persons or firms for whom the Company has either directly or indirectly provided services within the twenty-four (24)-month period immediately preceding termination of Executive's employment and therefore includes both the referral source or entity that consults with the Company and the entity to which the consultation related. "Client" also includes those persons or firms to whom Executive has submitted a proposal (or assisted in the submission of a proposal) to perform services during the six (6) month period immediately preceding termination of Executive's employment. For the avoidance of doubt, for purposes of determining the Restricted Period, the period for which Executive is entitled to receive severance payments shall be determined based on the period of Base Salary that is to be paid to Executive as severance payments, regardless of the period over which the severance pay is actually paid.
- 6.5 <u>Non-Interference with Relationships</u>. Executive shall not at any time during the Restricted Period directly or indirectly solicit, induce or encourage (a) any executive or employee or other personnel (including contractors) of the Company, or (b) any customer, Client, supplier, lender, professional advisor or other business relation of the Company to leave, alter or cease his/her/its relationship with the Company, for any reason whatsoever. Executive shall not hire or assist in the hiring of any executive or employee or other personnel (including contractors) of the Company for that same time period, whether or not Executive is then self-employed or employed by another business. Executive shall not at any time directly or indirectly make disparaging remarks about the Company.
- 6.6 <u>Modification</u>. If any court of competent jurisdiction shall at any time deem that the term of any Restrictive Covenant is too lengthy, or the scope or subject matter of any Restrictive Covenant exceeds the limitations imposed by applicable law, the parties agree that provisions of **Sections 6.3, 6.4** and **6.5** shall be amended to the minimum extent necessary such that the provision is enforceable or permissible by such applicable law and be enforced as amended.
- Representations and Warranties. Executive has made full disclosure to the Company concerning the existence of, and delivered copies of any documents relating to, any contractual arrangement (including, but not limited to, any non-compete or non-solicitation agreement) that Executive has with any current or former employer which agreement purports to be in effect as of the Effective Date or the dates of Executive's intended employment with the Company (other than the Prior Agreement). Executive represents, warrants and covenants to the Company that (a) Executive is not a party to or bound by any employment agreement, noncompete, nonsolicitation (of customers or employees), nondisturbance (of customers, employees or vendors), or confidentiality agreement with any previous employer or any other person or entity that would be violated by Executive's acceptance of this position or which would interfere in any material respect with the performance of Executive's duties with the Company, (b) that Executive will not use any confidential information or trade secrets of any person or party other than the Company in connection with the performance of Executive's duties with the Company, (c) that Executive will not at any time breach (or threaten to breach) any such agreement with any such previous employer or any other person or entity during Executive's employment with the Company and (d) Executive shall not at any time enter into any modification of any forgoing such agreement or any new agreement with, waive any rights of Executive under any agreement with, or acknowledge any amounts due from Executive to, Executive's previous employer without first obtaining the prior written consent of the Company in its sole discretion. Executive shall hereafter immediately disclose to the Company any knowledge of Executive of a possible or potential violation of any forgoing such agreement occurring at any time.

- 7. Ownership of Intellectual Property. All intellectual property, ideas, inventions, writings, software and Confidential Information created or conceived by Executive alone or with others while employed with the Company that relate to the Company's business or clients or work assigned to Executive by the Company (collectively, "Materials") constitute "work made for hire" and are the exclusive property of the Company. If for any reason any Materials cannot legally constitute a "work made for hire," then this Agreement shall operate as an irrevocable assignment and agreement to assign to the Company all right, title and interest in such Materials. Executive will promptly disclose to the Company in writing all Materials developed during his employment with the Company, and Executive will execute such documents as may be necessary to evidence his assignment(s) of all right, title and interest in Materials to the Company. If Executive claims ownership in any intellectual property, ideas or inventions that predate his employment with the Company, then Executive will disclose such claims in writing to the Company's Human Resources Department before commencing any work for the Company.
- 8. <u>Effect on Termination</u>. If, for any reason, this Agreement shall terminate or Executive's employment with the Company shall terminate, then, notwithstanding such termination, those provisions contained in this **Section 8** and **Sections 6**, **7**, **9** and **10** hereof shall survive and thereafter remain in full force and effect.

9. Remedies.

- 9.1 <u>Non-Exclusive Remedy for Restrictive Covenants</u>. Executive acknowledges and agrees that the covenants set forth in **Sections 6.3, 6.4**, and **6.5** of this Agreement (collectively, the "**Restrictive Covenants**") are reasonable and necessary for the protection of the Company's business interests, that irreparable injury will result to the Company if Executive breaches any of the terms of the Restrictive Covenants, and that in the event of Executive's actual or threatened breach of any such Restrictive Covenants, the Company will have no adequate remedy at law. Executive accordingly agrees that in the event of any actual or threatened breach by Executive of any of the Restrictive Covenants, the Company shall be entitled to immediate temporary injunctive and other equitable relief, without the necessity of showing actual monetary damages or the posting of bond. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as prohibiting the Company from pursuing any other remedies available to it for such breach or threatened breach, including the recovery of damages.
- arising out of or related to (i) this Agreement, (ii) the breach thereof, (iii) Executive's employment with the Company or the termination of such employment, or (iv) Employment Discrimination, shall be settled by arbitration in Chicago, Illinois before a single arbitrator administered by the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") under its National Rules for the Resolution of Employment Disputes, amended and restated effective as of January 1, 2004 (the "Employment Rules"), and judgment on the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Rule R-34 of the AAA's Commercial Arbitration Rules amended and restated effective as of September 1, 2007 (instead of Rule 27 of the Employment Rules) shall apply to interim measures. References herein to any arbitration rule(s) shall be construed as referring to such rule(s) as amended or renumbered from time to time and to any successor rules. References to the AAA include any successor organization. "Employment Discrimination" means any discrimination against or harassment of Executive in connection with Executive's employment with the Company or the termination of such employment, including any discrimination or harassment prohibited under federal, state or local statute or other applicable law, including the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, Title

VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disability Act, or any similar federal, state or local statute.

10. Miscellaneous.

- 10.1 Assignment. Executive may not assign any of Executive's rights or
- obligations hereunder without the written consent of the Company. The Company may assign this Agreement without the consent of Executive. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, all covenants and agreements contained in this Agreement by or on behalf of any of the parties hereto shall bind and inure to the benefit of the respective successors and assigns of the parties hereto whether so expressed or not. In connection with a Change of Control, the Company shall cause a successor to the Company to explicitly assume and agree to be bound by this Agreement and any such successor shall explicitly assume and agree to be bound by this Agreement.
 - 10.2 <u>Severability</u>. Whenever possible, each provision of this Agreement shall

be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision of this Agreement is held to be prohibited by or invalid under applicable law, such provision shall be ineffective only to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity and without invalidating the remainder of this Agreement.

- 10.3 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same Agreement.
 - 10.4 <u>Descriptive Headings; Interpretation</u>. The descriptive headings in this

Agreement are inserted for convenience of reference only and are not intended to be part of or to affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement. The use of the word "**including**" in this Agreement shall be by way of example rather than by limitation.

10.5 <u>Notices</u>. All notices, demands or other communications to be given under

or by reason of the provisions of this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if (a) delivered personally to the recipient, (b) sent to the recipient by reputable express courier service (charges prepaid) or mailed to the recipient by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested and postage prepaid, or (c) transmitted by telecopy or electronic mail. Such notices, demands and other communications shall be sent to the addresses indicated below:

To the Company: Huron Consulting Group Inc.

550 West Van Buren Street

Chicago, IL 60607 Attention: Patricia Olsen Facsimile: (312) 583-8701

To Executive: John D. Kelly

or to such other address or to the attention of such other person as the recipient party shall have specified by prior written notice to the sending party. The date in which such notice shall be deemed given shall be (w) the date of receipt if personally delivered, (x) three (3) business days after the date of mailing if sent by certified or registered mail, (y) one business day after the date of delivery to the overnight courier if sent by overnight courier or (z) the next business day after the date of transmittal by telecopy.

- 10.6 <u>Preamble; Preliminary Recitals</u>. The Preliminary Recitals set forth in the Preamble hereto are hereby incorporated and made part of this Agreement.
 - 10.7 Taxes. All compensation payable to Executive from the Company shall be

subject to all applicable withholding taxes, normal payroll withholding and any other amounts required by law to be withheld.

- 10.8 <u>Entire Agreement</u>. Except as otherwise expressly set forth herein, this Agreement sets forth the entire understanding of the parties, and supersedes and preempts all prior oral or written understandings and agreements with respect to the subject matter hereof, including the Prior Agreement, as amended.
- 10.9 <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, and all questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by, the laws of the State of Illinois without giving effect to provisions thereof regarding conflict of laws.
- 10.10 <u>No Strict Construction</u>. The language used in this Agreement will be deemed to be the language chosen by the parties hereto to express their mutual intent, and no rule of strict construction will be applied against any party hereto.
- 10.11 <u>Amendment and Waivers</u>. Any provisions of this Agreement may be amended or waived only with the prior written consent of the Company and Executive.
 - 10.12 <u>Additional Section 409A Provisions</u>. Notwithstanding any provision

contained in this Agreement to the contrary, if (a) any payment hereunder is subject to Section 409A of the Code, (b) such payment is to be paid on account of Executive's separation from service (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code) and (c) Executive is a "specified employee" (within the meaning of Section 409A(a)(2)(B) of the Code), then such payment shall be delayed, if necessary, until the first day of the seventh month following Executive's separation from service (or, if later, the date on which such payment is otherwise to be paid under this Agreement). With respect to any payments hereunder that are subject to Section 409A of the Code and that are payable on account of a separation from service, the determination of whether Executive has had a separation from service shall be determined in accordance with Section 409A of the Code. It is the intention of both the Company and Executive that the benefits and rights to which Executive could be entitled in connection with termination of employment comply with Section 409A of the Code and the Treasury Regulations and other guidance promulgated or issued thereunder, and the provisions of this Agreement shall be construed in a manner consistent with that intention. If Executive or the Company believes, at any time, that any such benefit or right does not so comply, it shall promptly advise the other and shall negotiate reasonably and in good faith to amend the terms of such benefits and rights such that they comply with Section 409A of the Code (with the most limited possible economic effect on Executive and on the Company). Neither the Company nor Executive, individually or in combination, may accelerate any payment or benefit that is subject to Section 409A of the Code, except in compliance with Section 409A and the provisions of this Agreement, and no amount that is subject to Section 409A shall be paid prior to the earliest date on which it may be paid without violating Section 409A.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the dates written below.

COMPANY:

HURON CONSULTING GROUP INC.

By: /s/ James H. Roth
Its: CEO
Date: January 5, 2017

John D. Kelly

/s/ John D. Kelly

John D. Kelly

(print name)

January 5, 2017

Date

AMENDED AND RESTATED SENIOR MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN HURON CONSULTING GROUP INC. AND JAMES H. ROTH

SENIOR MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

AMENDED AND RESTATED SENIOR MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT (the "**Agreement**"), effective as of January 1, 2017 (the "**Effective Date**"), by and between Huron Consulting Group Inc., a Delaware corporation ("**Huron"**), and James H. Roth ("**Executive**").

PRELIMINARY RECITALS

- A. WHEREAS, Huron and its affiliates are engaged in the business of providing diversified business consulting services (the "Business"). For purposes of this Agreement (except where the context contemplates otherwise), the term the "Company" shall include Huron, its subsidiaries and assignees and any successors in interest of the Company and its subsidiaries; and
- B. WHEREAS, Huron Consulting Services LLC (formerly known as Huron Consulting Group LLC) and Executive previously entered into one or more Senior Management Agreements; and
- C. WHEREAS, this Amended and Restated Senior Management Agreement will supersede and replace any prior Senior Management Agreements;
- D. WHEREAS, the Company currently employs Executive and desires to continue to employ Executive from and after the Effective Date, and Executive desires to continue to be so employed by the Company, as set forth herein, and the parties desire to amend and restate the Prior Agreement, as amended, as set forth below, which amendment and restatement is intended to incorporate all prior amendments into one document and to make other technical and conforming changes.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, the mutual covenants of the parties hereinafter set forth and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

1. Employment.

- 1.1 Title and Duties. The Company agrees to continue to employ Executive, and Executive agrees to accept such continuing employment with the Company, as Chief Executive Officer for the Employment Period, in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. During the Employment Period, Executive shall (a) have such responsibilities, duties and authorities as are customarily assigned to such position and shall render such services or act in such capacity for the Company and its affiliates as the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board") shall from time to time direct, and (b) shall report to the Board. Executive shall perform the duties and carry out the responsibilities assigned to him, to the best of his ability, in a trustworthy and businesslike manner for the purpose of advancing the business of the Company and its affiliates. Executive shall engage in travel as reasonably required in the performance of Executive's duties. Executive acknowledges that Executive's duties and responsibilities hereunder will require Executive's full business time and effort and agrees that, during the Employment Period, Executive will not engage in any other business activity or have any business pursuits or interests which materially interfere or conflict with the performance of Executive's duties hereunder; provided that Executive may, with the approval of the General Counsel and the Board, serve on the board of other corporations or charitable organizations and engage in charitable activities, community affairs, and teaching. Executive shall become a member of the Board as of November 3, 2009.
- 1.2 <u>Employment Period</u>. The employment of Executive under this Agreement shall continue from and after the Effective Date and shall continue through the third anniversary of the Effective Date (the "**Initial Period**"). Commencing on the third anniversary of the Effective Date and on each anniversary thereafter, the employment of Executive under this Agreement shall automatically renew and extend for an additional year, unless one of the parties shall deliver to the other sixty (60) days' advance

written notice of the cessation of such automatic renewal. "**Employment Period**" shall mean the Initial Period and any automatic extensions of Executive's employment under this Agreement. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Employment Period is subject to termination prior to the date of expiration thereof pursuant to this **Section 1.2 and Sections 1.3**, **1.4** and **1.5**.

- 1.3 <u>Termination Upon Death</u>. If Executive dies during the Employment Period, Executive's employment shall automatically terminate on the date of Executive's death.
 - 1.4 <u>Termination by the Company</u>.
 - (a) The Company may terminate Executive's employment hereunder upon written notice to Executive as described in **Section 10.5**. Such termination shall be effective upon the date notice of such termination is given pursuant to **Section 10.5** unless such notice shall otherwise provide.
 - (b) For purpose of this Agreement, "**Cause**" means the occurrence of any of the following events, as determined in the reasonable good faith judgment of the Board:
 - (i) the failure of Executive to perform Executive's material duties (unless such failure relates to any disability, sickness or injury of Executive) which failure continues for twenty (20) days after the Company has given written notice to Executive specifying in reasonable detail the manner in which Executive has failed to perform such duties and affording opportunity to cure;
 - (ii) commission by Executive of an act or omission (A) constituting (x) a felony, (y) dishonesty with respect to the Company or (z) fraud, or (B) that (x) could reasonably be expected to adversely and materially affect the Company's business or reputation, or (y) involves moral turpitude;
 - (iii) the breach, non-performance or non-observance of any of the material terms of this Agreement (other than a breach, non-performance or non-observance described in clause (i) of this **Section 1.4(b)**), or any other agreement to which Executive and the Company are parties, by Executive, if such breach, non-performance or non-observance shall continue beyond a period of twenty (20) days immediately after written notice thereof given by the Company to Executive; or
 - (iv) any breach, non-performance or non-observance of any of **Sections 6.3, 6.4, 6.5** or **6.6** of this Agreement; provided, that if such conduct occurs while Executive is employed hereunder, the Company shall allow Executive an opportunity for a hearing before the Board prior to any termination of Executive for Cause.
 - (c) Executive shall be deemed to have a "**Permanent Disability**" for purposes of this Agreement if Executive is eligible to receive benefits under the Company's long-term disability plan then covering Executive.
- 1.5 Termination by Executive. Except as otherwise provided herein, Executive shall give sixty (60) days' notice to the Company prior to the effectiveness of any resignation of Executive's employment with the Company. Executive's termination of employment shall be deemed to be on account of "Good Reason" if (a)(i) the Company gives notice to Executive that, during the Employment Period, Executive's primary location of employment with the Company will change to a location that is more than fifty (50) miles from Executive's primary location of employment with the Company in Chicago, Illinois, if (ii) Executive gives notice to the Company that the Company has materially failed to comply with any material term of this Agreement, or (iii) the Company materially reduces Executive's base salary or benefits coverage, provided that such reduction is without Executive's consent, is not warranted by the Company's financial

condition, and is not a change that applies uniformly to similarly-situated Company executives, (b) the Company does not rescind (or otherwise cure) such event or condition within the sixty (60) day period following the occurrence of such event or, if applicable, the date of the notice from Executive to the Company, and (c) Executive resigns his employment within thirty (30) days after the end of such sixty (60) day cure period. Any notice from Executive to the Company under Section 1.5(a)(ii) or (iii) shall be provided within thirty (30) days after Executive first has knowledge of the applicable event or condition.

2. Compensation.

- 2.1 <u>Base Salary</u>. As consideration for the services of Executive hereunder, the Company shall pay Executive an annual base salary (the "**Base Salary**"), payable in accordance with the Company's customary payroll practices as in effect from time to time. The Board shall perform an annual review of Executive's compensation based on Executive's performance of Executive's duties and the Company's other compensation policies, provided that Executive's Base Salary shall not be reduced without Executive's consent unless such reduction is part of a comparable overall reduction for members of senior management. The term Base Salary shall include any changes to the Base Salary from time to time.
- 2.2 <u>Bonus Programs</u>. For each calendar year, Executive shall be eligible for an annual bonus in an amount determined by the Compensation Committee of the Board (the "Compensation Committee") based on Executive's performance of Executive's duties and the Company's other compensation policies (the "**Annual Bonus**") which Annual Bonus for any calendar year shall not be less than 110% of Executive's Base Salary. The actual Annual Bonus paid will be based on Company and Executive performance. Except as otherwise described in this Agreement, Executive's right to any bonus payable pursuant to this **Section 2.2** shall be contingent upon Executive being employed by the Company on the date the Annual Bonus is generally paid to executives of the Company.
- 3. <u>Equity Awards</u>. Executive shall generally be eligible to participate in Huron's equity plans from time to time, with the amount of any equity awards, and the terms and conditions under which they are granted being in the sole discretion of the Compensation Committee based on Executive's performance of Executive's duties and the Company's other compensation policies. Such equity awards shall be subject to the terms of the applicable equity incentive plan of the Company and granting agreement.

4. Benefits and Expenses.

- 4.1 <u>Benefits</u>. During the Employment Period, Executive shall be eligible to participate in the various health and welfare benefit plans maintained by the Company for its similarly-situated key management employees from time to time, including but not limited to paid vacation, medical and dental insurance, and disability and life insurance at levels as are provided from time to time to similarly-situated executives of the Company.
- 4.2 <u>Business Expenses</u>. During the Employment Period, the Company shall reimburse Executive for all ordinary, necessary and reasonable travel and other business expenses incurred by Executive in connection with the performance of Executive's duties hereunder, in accordance with the Company policy. Such reimbursement shall be made upon presentation of itemized expense statements and such other supporting documentation as the Company may reasonably require. To the extent that any such reimbursements are taxable to Executive ("**Taxable Reimbursements**"), such reimbursements shall be paid to Executive only if (a) the expenses are incurred and reimbursable pursuant to a reimbursement plan that provides an objectively determinable nondiscretionary definition of the expenses that are eligible for reimbursement, and (b) the expenses are incurred during the Employment Period. With respect to any Taxable Reimbursements, the amount of the expenses that are eligible for reimbursement during one calendar year may not affect the amount of reimbursements to be provided in any subsequent calendar year, the

reimbursement of an eligible expense shall be made on or before the last day of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the expense was incurred, and the right to reimbursement of the expenses shall not be subject to liquidation or exchange for any other benefit.

5. <u>Compensation After Termination.</u>

5.1 <u>Termination For Cause; Resignation Without Good Reason</u>. If Executive's employment is terminated by the Company for Cause or if Executive resigns his employment other than for Good Reason during the Employment Period then, except as required by law, the Company shall have no further obligations to Executive (except payment of the Base Salary accrued through the date of said termination), and the Company shall continue to have all other rights available hereunder (including, without limitation, all rights under the Restrictive Covenants at law or in equity).

5.2 <u>Termination Without Cause; Resignation For Good Reason.</u>

- (a) If, Executive's employment is terminated by the Company without Cause or Executive resigns for Good Reason, then, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Executive shall be entitled to receive the following amounts and benefits:
 - (i) an amount in cash equal to two (2) times the sum of Executive's annual Base Salary and Target Bonus for the year of termination or resignation ("Severance Pay") payable to Executive in one lump sum within sixty (60) days following Executive's termination of employment;
 - (ii) Continuation of medical benefits for twenty-four (24) months upon the same terms as exist from time to time for active similarly-situated executives of the Company, which benefits shall be considered part of, and not in addition to, any coverage required under COBRA; and
 - (iii) An amount in cash equal to the Annual Bonus that Executive would have earned for the year of termination or resignation had he remained employed for the year in which his termination or resignation occurs based on satisfaction of Company performance targets, multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of completed days of employment by Executive (including the date of termination or resignation) during the year of termination or resignation and the denominator of which is 365, which amount will be paid to Executive at the same time that the annual bonus is otherwise payable to the Company's executives in accordance with the annual bonus plan.
- (b) The Company shall have no other obligations under this **Section 5.2** or otherwise with respect to Executive's employment from and after the employment termination date, and the Company shall continue to have all other rights available hereunder (including, without limitation, all rights under the Restrictive Covenants at law or in equity).
- 5.3 Termination Due To Death, Permanent Disability. If Executive's employment is terminated due to Executive's Permanent Disability or if Executive dies during the Employment Period, then subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement (a) Executive or Executive's estate, as the case may be, shall be entitled to receive, in addition to any amounts Executive may be entitled to receive under the Company's long-term disability plan or other benefit plans, payment of Base Salary through the date of termination, and (b) Executive and/or Executive's eligible dependents shall receive continuation of medical, dental and vision benefits upon the same terms as exist immediately prior to the termination of employment for similarly-situated active executives of the Company for the six (6)-month period immediately following the termination of employment (which benefits shall be considered part of, and not in addition to, any coverage

required under COBRA). The Company shall have no other obligations under this **Section 5.3** or otherwise with respect to Executive's employment from and after the termination date, and the Company shall continue to have all other rights available hereunder (including, without limitation, all rights under the Restrictive Covenants at law or in equity). Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Executive or Executive's estate shall also be entitled to receive the following amounts and benefits:

- (a) An amount in cash equal to the then-prevailing target amount of Executive's Annual Bonus ("**Target Bonus**") for the year of death or disability multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of completed days of employment by Executive (including the date of termination or resignation) during the year of termination or resignation and the denominator of which is 365, which amount will be paid to Executive or Executive's estate at the same time that the annual bonus is otherwise payable to the Company's executives in accordance with the annual bonus plan.
- (b) Full vesting of any outstanding time-based equity awards granted to Executive, notwithstanding anything to the contrary that may be delineated in any equity plan or equity award agreement. Performance based equity will be treated in accordance with the applicable performance share equity agreement then in effect.
 - 5.4 This Section Intentionally Left Blank
 - 5.5 <u>Change of Control</u>.
- (a) The provisions of **Section 5.2 and 5.3** hereof to the contrary notwithstanding but subject to the other terms and conditions of this Agreement, if (i) Executive is terminated by the Company without Cause or Executive resigns his employment for CoC Good Reason (defined below) in either case during the period commencing on a Change of Control and ending on the second anniversary of the Change of Control (such two-year period being the **"Protection Period"** hereunder), or (ii) Executive reasonably demonstrates that the Company's termination of Executive's employment (or event which, had it occurred following a Change of Control, would have constituted CoC Good Reason) prior to a Change of Control was attributable to or intended to facilitate a Change of Control or was at the request of or instigation of a third party who was taking steps reasonably calculated to effect a Change of Control (or otherwise in contemplation of a Change of Control) and a Change of Control actually occurs within twelve (12) months of such termination or resignation of Executive (a **"Qualifying Termination"**), then, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Executive shall be entitled to receive the following payments and benefits:
 - (i) an amount in cash equal to two and a half (2.5) times the sum of Executive's annual Base Salary and Target Bonus for the year of termination or resignation;
 - (ii) an amount in cash equal to the then-prevailing target amount of Executive's Annual Bonus ("**Target Bonus**") for the year of termination or resignation multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of completed days of employment by Executive (including the date of termination or resignation) during the year of termination or resignation and the denominator of which is 365, which amount will be paid to Executive at the same time that the annual bonus is otherwise payable to the Company's executives in accordance with the annual bonus plan;
 - (iii) anything set forth in any equity plan, equity award or any other provision of this Agreement between the Company and Executive to the contrary notwithstanding, all of Executive's outstanding equity grants that were awarded at or prior to the time of the Change of Control shall fully vest upon the occurrence of a Qualifying Termination; and

(iv) continuation of medical benefits thirty (30) months from the date of such termination or resignation upon the same terms as exist for Executive immediately prior to the termination or resignation date (which benefits shall be considered part of, and not in addition to, any coverage required under COBRA).

Following any termination or resignation of Executive's employment pursuant to this Section 5.5, the Company shall continue to have all other rights available hereunder (including, without limitation, all rights under the Restrictive Covenants and any restrictive covenants set forth in any plan, award and agreement applicable to Executive, at law or in equity). Subject to Executive's execution of the Release described in Section 5.6, the payments described in clauses (i) and (ii) ("Change of Control Severance Pay") shall be paid in a lump sum within sixty (60) days following Executive's termination or resignation of employment (or, in the case of a Qualifying Termination that occurs prior to the Change of Control, within sixty (60) days following the Change of Control). If the Qualifying Termination occurs prior to a Change of Control, in addition to the benefits described in clause (iv) of this **Section 5.5(a)**, Executive shall be paid a lump sum cash payment equal to the difference between (I) the applicable premium paid by Executive for continuation of medical benefits under COBRA from the date of the Qualifying Termination through the date of the Change of Control (the "Pre-CoC **Coverage Period**") and (II) the amount of the applicable premium that would have been paid by Executive for continuation of medical benefits during the Pre-CoC Coverage Period had the provisions of Section 5.5(a)(iv) been given effect from the date of the Qualifying Termination, which payment shall be made in a lump sum within sixty (60) days following the Change of Control. If (and to the extent) that the benefits provided pursuant to **Section 5.5(a)(iv)** are taxable to Executive and are subject to Section 409A of the Code, the amount of the expenses that are eligible for reimbursement during one calendar year may not affect the amount of reimbursements to be provided in any subsequent calendar year, the reimbursement of an eligible expense shall be made on or before the last day of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the expense was incurred, and the right to reimbursement of the expenses shall not be subject to liquidation or exchange for any other benefit.

- (b) Payments and benefits under **Section 5.5(a)** shall not be subject to mitigation or offset, except that medical benefits may be offset by comparable benefits obtained by Executive in connection with subsequent employment. Nothing in this **Section 5.5** is intended to result in duplication of benefits provided by other provisions of this Agreement.
- (c) The Change of Control Severance Pay shall be in lieu of the Severance Pay otherwise for a termination under **Section 5.2** of this Agreement and any other plan or agreement of the Company, whether adopted before or after the date hereof, which provides severance payments or benefits. For the avoidance of doubt, Executive shall not be entitled to payments and benefits under both this **Section 5.5** and any other provision of this **Section 5** as the result of his termination of employment.
- (d) If it is determined that any amount, right or benefit paid or payable (or otherwise provided or to be provided) to Executive by the Company or any of its affiliates under this Agreement or any other plan, program or arrangement under which Executive participates or is a party (collectively, the "Payments"), would constitute an "excess parachute payment" within the meaning of Section 280G of the Code, subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code, as amended from time to time (the "Excise Tax"), then the amount of the Payments payable to Executive under this Agreement shall be reduced (a "Reduction") to the extent necessary so that no portion of such Payments payable to Executive is subject to the Excise Tax.

All determinations required to be made under this **Section 5.5(d)** and the assumptions to be utilized in arriving at such determination, shall be made by an independent, nationally recognized

accounting firm mutually acceptable to the Company and Executive (the "Auditor"); provided that in the event a Reduction is required, Executive may determine which Payments shall be reduced in order to comply with the provisions of **Section** 5.5(d). The Auditor shall promptly provide detailed supporting calculations to both the Company and Executive following any determination that a Reduction is necessary. All fees and expenses of the Auditor shall be paid by the Company. All determinations made by the Auditor shall be binding upon the Company and Executive.

- (e) For purposes of this Agreement, the term "**Change of Control**" shall be deemed to have occurred upon the first to occur of the following events:
 - (i) any Person becomes the Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of common stock or voting securities of Huron (not including in the amounts beneficially owned by such Person any common stock or voting securities acquired directly from Huron or its Affiliates) representing 40% or more of the combined voting power of Huron's then outstanding securities; or
 - (ii) there is consummated a merger or consolidation of Huron or any direct or indirect subsidiary of Huron with any Person, other than (A) a merger or consolidation which would result in the voting securities of Huron outstanding immediately prior to such merger or consolidation continuing to represent (either by remaining outstanding or by being converted into voting securities of the surviving entity or any parent thereof) at least 50% of the combined voting power of the securities of Huron or such surviving entity or any parent thereof outstanding immediately after such merger or consolidation, (B) a merger or consolidation effected to implement a recapitalization of Huron (or similar transaction) after which no Person other than existing security holders is or becomes the Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of securities of Huron (not including in the amount Beneficially Owned by such Person any common stock or voting securities acquired directly from Huron or its Affiliates) representing 50% or more of the combined voting power of Huron's then outstanding securities, or (C) a merger or consolidation of a subsidiary of Huron that does not represent a sale of all or substantially all of the assets of Huron; or
 - (iii) the shareholders of Huron approve a plan of complete liquidation or dissolution of Huron (except for a plan of liquidation or dissolution effected to implement a recapitalization of Huron addressed in (ii) above); or
 - (iv) there is consummated an agreement for the sale or disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of Huron to a Person, other than a sale or disposition by Huron of all or substantially all of the assets of Huron to an entity, at least 50% of the combined voting power of the voting securities of which are owned by shareholders of Huron.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a "Change of Control" shall not be deemed to have occurred by virtue of the consummation of any transaction or series of integrated transactions immediately following which the record holders of the common stock of Huron immediately prior to such transaction or series of transactions continue to have substantially the same proportionate ownership in an entity which owns all or substantially all of the assets of Huron immediately following such transaction or series of transactions.

For purposes of this Change of Control definition, (I) "**Beneficial Owner**" shall have the meaning set forth in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act, (II) "**Exchange Act**" shall mean the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time, (III) "**Person**" shall have the meaning given in Section 3(a)(9) of the Exchange Act, as modified and used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) thereof, except that such term shall not include (w) Huron or any of Huron's direct or indirect subsidiaries, (x) a trustee or other fiduciary holding

securities under an employee benefit plan of the Company or any of its Affiliates, (y) an underwriter temporarily holding securities pursuant to an offering of such securities, or (z) a corporation owned, directly or indirectly, by the stockholders of Huron in substantially the same proportions as their ownership of stock of Huron and (IV) "Affiliate" shall have the meaning set forth in Rule 12b-2 promulgated under Section 12 of the Exchange Act.

- (f) For purposes of this **Section 5.5** (and distinguished from "**Good Reason**" provided under certain other circumstances under the Agreement), the term "**CoC Good Reason**" means the occurrence of any of the following within the twenty-four (24) month period following a Change of Control (or prior to a Change of Control in connection with a Qualifying Termination) without the express written consent of Executive:
 - (i) any material breach by the Company of the Agreement;
 - (ii) any material adverse change in the status, responsibilities or position of Executive;
 - (iii) any material reduction in Base Salary or Target Bonus, other than in connection with an across-the-board reduction in Base Salaries applicable in like proportions to all similarly situated executives of the Company and any direct or indirect parent of the Company;
 - (iv) assignment of duties to Executive that are materially inconsistent with Executive's position and responsibilities described in this Agreement, including, specifically, assignment of a position other than as Chief Executive Officer of the ultimate parent surviving company surviving the Change of Control; and
 - (v) requiring Executive to be principally based at any office or location more than fifty (50) miles from the current offices of the Company in Chicago, Illinois.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this paragraph (f), Executive's termination of employment shall be considered to be on account of CoC Good Reason only if (A) an event or condition occurs which satisfies the foregoing provisions of this **Section 5.5(f)**, (B) Executive provides the Company with written notice pursuant to **Section 10.5** that he intends to resign for CoC Good Reason and such written notice includes (I) a designation of at least one of **Section 5.5(f)(i)-(v)** (the "**Designated Sections**") which Executive believes is the basis for CoC Good Reason, and (II) specifically describes the events or conditions Executive is relying upon to satisfy the requirements of the Designated Sections, (C) as of the thirtieth (30th) day following the Company's receipt of such notice from Executive, such events or conditions have not been corrected in all material respects, and (D) Executive resigns his employment within sixty (60) days after the date on which Executive first has actual knowledge of the events or conditions upon which Executive relies upon to satisfy any of the Designated Sections.

5.6 <u>General Release</u>. Executive acknowledges and agrees that Executive's right to receive severance pay and other benefits (including post-termination equity vesting) pursuant to Section 5.2 and 5.5 of this Agreement (collectively, the "**Severance Benefits**") is contingent upon Executive's compliance with the covenants, representations, warranties and agreements set forth in **Section 6** of this Agreement and, except for those payments and benefits required to be made or provided by law or pursuant to the express terms of a benefit plan or pursuant to the express terms of this Agreement without a Release (and other than those benefits to be provided upon death), such Severance Benefits shall be conditioned upon Executive's execution and acceptance of the terms and conditions of, and the

effectiveness of, a general release in the standard form used by the Company at the time of Executive's termination of employment. (the "**Release**"); provided, however, that such Release shall not require Executive to relinquish any rights or claims that (a) arise after his execution of the Release, (b) relate to indemnification or liability insurance pursuant to the Company's insurance plans, bylaws or applicable law, or (c) cannot be waived by law. If Executive fails to comply with the covenants set forth in **Section 6** or if Executive fails to execute the Release or revokes the Release during the seven (7)-day period following his execution of the Release, then Executive shall not be entitled to any Severance Benefits. The Company shall provide Executive with the Release within five (5) days following his termination of employment (or, in the case of any benefits relating to a Qualifying Termination occurring prior to a Change of Control, within five (5) days following the Change of Control).

6. Restrictive Covenants and Agreements.

- 6.1 <u>Executive's Acknowledgment</u>. Executive agrees and acknowledges that in order to assure the Company that it will retain its value and that of the Business as a going concern, it is necessary that Executive not utilize special knowledge of the Business and its relationships with customers to compete with the Company. Executive further acknowledges that:
 - (a) the Company is and will be engaged in the Business during the Employment Period and thereafter;
 - (b) Executive will occupy a position of trust and confidence with the Company, and during the Employment Period, Executive will become familiar with the Company's trade secrets and with other proprietary and Confidential Information concerning the Company and the Business;
 - (c) the agreements and covenants contained in this **Section 6 and Sections 7, 8** and **9** are essential to protect the Company and the confidentiality of its Confidential Information (defined below) and near permanent client relationships as well as goodwill of the Business and compliance with such agreements and covenants will not impair Executive's ability to procure subsequent and comparable employment; and
 - (d) Executive's employment with the Company has special, unique and extraordinary value to the Company and the Company would be irreparably damaged if Executive were to provide services to any person or entity in violation of the provisions of this Agreement.
- 6.2 <u>Confidential Information</u>. As used in this **Section 6, "Confidential Information"** shall mean the Company's trade secrets and other non-public information relating to the Company or the Business, including, without limitation, information relating to financial statements, customer identities, potential customers, employees, suppliers, acquisition targets, servicing methods, equipment, programs, strategies and information, analyses, marketing plans and strategies, profit margins and other information developed or used by the Company in connection with the Business that is not known generally to the public or the industry and that gives the Company an advantage in the marketplace. Confidential Information shall not include any information that is in the public domain or becomes known in the public domain through no wrongful act on the part of Executive. Executive agrees to deliver to the Company at the termination of Executive's employment, or at any other time the Company may request, all memoranda, notes, plans, records, reports and other documents (and copies thereof) relating to the Business or the Company or other forms of Confidential Information which Executive may then possess or have under Executive's control.
- 6.3 <u>Non-Disclosure</u>. Executive agrees that during employment with the Company and thereafter, Executive shall not reveal to any competitor or other person or entity (other than current employees of the Company) any Confidential Information regarding Clients (as defined herein) that

Executive obtains while performing services for the Company. Executive further agrees that Executive will not use or disclose any Confidential Information of the Company, other than in connection with Executive's work for the Company, until such information becomes generally known in the industry through no fault of Executive.

Nothing in this Agreement prohibits Executive from reporting an event that Executive reasonably and in good faith believes is a violation of law to the relevant law-enforcement agency (such as the Securities and Exchange Commission, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, or Department of Labor), or from cooperating in an investigation conducted by such a government agency. Executive is hereby provided notice that under the 2016 Defend Trade Secrets Act (DTSA): (1) no individual will be held criminally or civilly liable under Federal or State trade secret law for the disclosure of a trade secret (as defined in the Economic Espionage Act) that: (A) is made in confidence to a Federal, State, or local government official, either directly or indirectly, or to an attorney; and made solely for the purpose of reporting or investigating a suspected violation of law; or, (B) is made in a complaint or other document filed in a lawsuit or other proceeding, if such filing is made under seal so that it is not made public; and, (2) an individual who pursues a lawsuit for retaliation by an employer for reporting a suspected violation of the law may disclose the trade secret to the attorney of the individual and use the trade secret information in the court proceeding, if the individual files any document containing the trade secret under seal, and does not disclose the trade secret, except as permitted by court order

6.4 <u>Non-Solicitation of Clients</u>. Executive acknowledges that Executive will learn and develop Confidential Information relating to the Company's Clients and relating to the Company's servicing of those Clients. Executive recognizes that the Company's relationships with its Clients are extremely valuable to it and that the protection of the Company's relationships with its Clients is essential.

Accordingly, and in consideration of the Company's employment of Executive and the various benefits and payments provided in conjunction therewith, Executive agrees that during the Employment Period and for the longer period ("Restricted Period") thereafter of (i) the period for which Executive is entitled to receive severance payments under Section 5.2(a)(i) or, if applicable, Section 5.5(a)(ii), or (ii) twelve (12) months following any termination of employment with the Company, Executive will not, whether or not Executive is then self-employed or employed by another, directly or through another, provide services that are the same or similar to those services offered for sale and/or under any stage of development by the Company at the time of Executive's termination, to any Client of the Company whom Executive:

- (a) obtained as a Client for the Company; or
- (b) consulted with, provided services for, or supervised the provision of services for during the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding termination of Executive's employment; or
- (c) submitted or assisted in the submission of a proposal for the provision of services during the six (6) month period immediately preceding termination of Executive's employment.

"Client" shall mean those persons or firms for whom the Company has either directly or indirectly provided services within the twenty-four (24)-month period immediately preceding termination of Executive's employment and therefore includes both the referral source or entity that consults with the Company and the entity to which the consultation related. "Client" also includes those persons or firms to whom Executive has submitted a proposal (or assisted in the submission of a proposal) to perform services during the six (6) month period immediately preceding termination of Executive's employment. For the avoidance of doubt, for purposes of determining the Restricted Period, the period for which Executive is entitled to receive severance payments shall be determined based on the period of Base Salary that is to be

paid to Executive as severance payments, regardless of the period over which the severance pay is actually paid.

- 6.5 <u>Non-Interference with Relationships</u>. Executive shall not at any time during the Restricted Period directly or indirectly solicit, induce or encourage (a) any executive or employee or other personnel (including contractors) of the Company, or (b) any customer, Client, supplier, lender, professional advisor or other business relation of the Company to leave, alter or cease his/her/its relationship with the Company, for any reason whatsoever. Executive shall not hire or assist in the hiring of any executive or employee or other personnel (including contractors) of the Company for that same time period, whether or not Executive is then self-employed or employed by another business. Executive shall not at any time directly or indirectly make disparaging remarks about the Company.
- 6.6 <u>Noncompetition</u>. While Executive is employed by the Company, and for the Restricted Period after Executive's termination of employment with the Company (whether at the end of the Employment Period or thereafter) for any reason, Executive agrees that he will not directly or indirectly engage in, assist, perform services for, establish or open, or have any equity interest (other than ownership of 5% or less of the outstanding stock of any corporation listed on any securities exchange) in any person, firm, corporation, or business entity (whether as an employee, officer, director, agent, security holder, creditor, consultant, or otherwise) that engages in the Businesses; provided, however, that for any periods after Executive's termination of employment with the Company, the Businesses shall include only those businesses that were conducted as part of the Businesses at the time of Executive's termination of employment.
- 6.7 <u>Modification</u>. If any court of competent jurisdiction shall at any time deem that the term of any Restrictive Covenant is too lengthy, or the scope or subject matter of any Restrictive Covenant exceeds the limitations imposed by applicable law, the parties agree that provisions of **Sections 6.3, 6.4, 6.5 and 6.6** shall be amended to the minimum extent necessary such that the provision is enforceable or permissible by such applicable law and be enforced as amended.
- 6.8 Representations and Warranties. Executive has made full disclosure to the Company concerning the existence of, and delivered copies of any documents relating to, any contractual arrangement (including, but not limited to, any non-compete or non-solicitation agreement) that Executive has with any current or former employer which agreement purports to be in effect as of the Effective Date or the dates of Executive's intended employment with the Company (other than the Prior Agreement). Executive represents, warrants and covenants to the Company that (a) Executive is not a party to or bound by any employment agreement, noncompete, nonsolicitation (of customers or employees), nondisturbance (of customers, employees or vendors), or confidentiality agreement with any previous employer or any other person or entity that would be violated by Executive's acceptance of this position or which would interfere in any material respect with the performance of Executive's duties with the Company, and (b) that Executive will not use any confidential information or trade secrets of any person or party other than the Company in connection with the performance of Executive's duties with the Company (except as may be permitted pursuant to non-disclosure agreements with clients).
- 7. Ownership of Intellectual Property. All intellectual property, ideas, inventions, writings, software and Confidential Information created or conceived by Executive alone or with others while employed with the Company that relate to the Company's business or clients or work assigned to Executive by the Company (collectively, "Materials") constitute "work made for hire" and are the exclusive property of the Company. If for any reason any Materials cannot legally constitute a "work made for hire," then this Agreement shall operate as an irrevocable assignment and agreement to assign to the Company all right, title and interest in such Materials. Executive will promptly disclose to the Company in writing all Materials developed during his employment with the Company, and Executive will execute such documents as may

be necessary to evidence his assignment(s) of all right, title and interest in Materials to the Company. If Executive claims ownership in any intellectual property, ideas or inventions that predate his employment with the Company, then Executive will disclose such claims in writing to the Company's Human Resources Department before commencing any work for the Company.

8. <u>Effect on Termination</u>. If, for any reason, this Agreement shall terminate or Executive's employment with the Company shall terminate, then, notwithstanding such termination, those provisions contained in this **Section 8** and **Sections 6**, **7**, **9** and **10** hereof shall survive and thereafter remain in full force and effect.

9. Remedies.

- 9.1 Non-Exclusive Remedy for Restrictive Covenants. Executive acknowledges and agrees that the covenants set forth in Sections 6.3, 6.4, 6.5 and 6.6 of this Agreement (collectively, the "Restrictive Covenants") are reasonable and necessary for the protection of the Company's business interests, that irreparable injury will result to the Company if Executive breaches any of the terms of the Restrictive Covenants, and that in the event of Executive's actual or threatened breach of any such Restrictive Covenants, the Company will have no adequate remedy at law. Executive accordingly agrees that in the event of any actual or threatened breach by Executive of any of the Restrictive Covenants, the Company shall be entitled to immediate temporary injunctive and other equitable relief, without the necessity of showing actual monetary damages or the posting of bond. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as prohibiting the Company from pursuing any other remedies available to it for such breach or threatened breach, including the recovery of damages.
- 9.2 Arbitration. Except as set forth in **Section 9.1**, any controversy or claim arising out of or related to (i) this Agreement, (ii) the breach thereof, (iii) Executive's employment with the Company or the termination of such employment, or (iv) Employment Discrimination, shall be settled by arbitration in Chicago, Illinois before a single arbitrator administered by the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") under its National Rules for the Resolution of Employment Disputes, amended and restated effective as of January 1, 2004 (the "**Employment Rules**"), and judgment on the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Rule R-34 of the AAA's Commercial Arbitration Rules amended and restated effective as of September 1, 2007 (instead of Rule 27 of the Employment Rules) shall apply to interim measures. References herein to any arbitration rule(s) shall be construed as referring to such rule(s) as amended or renumbered from time to time and to any successor rules. References to the AAA include any successor organization. "**Employment Discrimination**" means any discrimination against or harassment of Executive in connection with Executive's employment with the Company or the termination of such employment, including any discrimination or harassment prohibited under federal, state or local statute or other applicable law, including the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disability Act or any similar federal, state or local statute.

10. Miscellaneous.

Assignment. Executive may not assign any of Executive's rights or obligations hereunder without the written consent of the Company. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, all covenants and agreements contained in this Agreement by or on behalf of any of the parties hereto shall bind and inure to the benefit of the respective successors and assigns of the parties hereto whether so expressed or not. In connection with a Change of Control, the Company shall cause a successor to the Company to explicitly assume and agree to be bound by this Agreement and any such successor shall explicitly assume and agree to be bound by this Agreement.

- 10.2 <u>Severability</u>. Whenever possible, each provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision of this Agreement is held to be prohibited by or invalid under applicable law, such provision shall be ineffective only to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity and without invalidating the remainder of this Agreement.
- 10.3 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same Agreement.
- 10.4 <u>Descriptive Headings; Interpretation</u>. The descriptive headings in this Agreement are inserted for convenience of reference only and are not intended to be part of or to affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement. The use of the word "**including**" in this Agreement shall be by way of example rather than by limitation.
- Notices. All notices, demands or other communications to be given under or by reason of the provisions of this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if (a) delivered personally to the recipient, (b) sent to the recipient by reputable express courier service (charges prepaid) or mailed to the recipient by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested and postage prepaid, or (c) transmitted by telecopy or electronic mail to the recipient. Such notices, demands and other communications shall be sent to the addresses indicated below:

To the Company: Huron Consulting Group Inc.

550 West Van Buren Street

Chicago, IL 60607 Attention: Patty Olsen Facsimile: (312) 583-8701

To Executive: James H. Roth

or to such other address or to the attention of such other person as the recipient party shall have specified by prior written notice to the sending party. The date in which such notice shall be deemed given shall be (w) the date of receipt if personally delivered, (x) three (3) business days after the date of mailing if sent by certified or registered mail, (y) one business day after the date of delivery to the overnight courier if sent by overnight courier or (z) the next business day after the date of transmittal by telecopy.

- 10.6 <u>Preamble; Preliminary Recitals</u>. The Preliminary Recitals set forth in the Preamble hereto are hereby incorporated and made part of this Agreement.
- 10.7 <u>Taxes</u>. All compensation payable to Executive from the Company shall be subject to all applicable withholding taxes, normal payroll withholding and any other amounts required by law to be withheld.
- 10.8 <u>Entire Agreement</u>. Except as otherwise expressly set forth herein, this Agreement sets forth the entire understanding of the parties, and supersedes and preempts all prior oral or written understandings and agreements with respect to the subject matter hereof, including the Prior Agreement, as amended.
- 10.9 <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, and all questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by, the laws of the State of Illinois without giving effect to provisions thereof regarding conflict of laws.

- 10.10 <u>No Strict Construction</u>. The language used in this Agreement will be deemed to be the language chosen by the parties hereto to express their mutual intent, and no rule of strict construction will be applied against any party hereto.
- 10.11 <u>Amendment and Waivers</u>. Any provisions of the Agreement may be amended or waived only with the prior written consent of the Company and Executive.
- Additional Section 409A Provisions. Notwithstanding any provision contained in this Agreement to the contrary, if (a) any payment hereunder is subject to Section 409A of the Code, (b) such payment is to be paid on account of Executive's separation from service (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code), and (c) Executive is a "specified **employee**" (within the meaning of Section 409A(a)(2)(B) of the Code), then such payment shall be delayed, if necessary, until the first day of the seventh month following Executive's separation from service (or, if later, the date on which such payment is otherwise to be paid under this Agreement). With respect to any payments hereunder that are subject to Section 409A of the Code and that are payable on account of a separation from service, the determination of whether Executive has had a separation from service shall be determined in accordance with Section 409A of the Code. It is the intention of both the Company and Executive that the benefits and rights to which Executive could be entitled in connection with termination of employment comply with Section 409A of the Code and the Treasury Regulations and other guidance promulgated or issued thereunder, and the provisions of this Agreement shall be construed in a manner consistent with that intention. If Executive or the Company believes, at any time, that any such benefit or right does not so comply, it shall promptly advise the other and shall negotiate reasonably and in good faith to amend the terms of such benefits and rights such that they comply with Section 409A of the Code (with the most limited possible economic effect on Executive and on the Company). Neither the Company nor Executive, individually or in combination, may accelerate any payment or benefit that is subject to Section 409A of the Code, except in compliance with Section 409A and the provisions of this Agreement, and no amount that is subject to Section 409A shall be paid prior to the earliest date on which it may be paid without violating Section 409A. For purposes of applying the provisions of Section 409A to this Agreement, each separately identified amount to which Executive is entitled under this Agreement shall be treated as a separate payment. In addition, to the extent permissible under Section 409Aof the Code, any series of installment payments under this Agreement shall be treated as a right to a series of separate payments.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the dates written below.

COMPANY:

HURON CONSULTING GROUP INC.

By: /s/ Patricia L. Olsen CHRO and VP of HR Its: January 5, 2017 Date: James H. Roth /s/ James H. Roth James H. Roth

(print name)

January 5, 2017

Date

SENIOR MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN

HURON CONSULTING GROUP INC.

AND

C. MARK HUSSEY

SENIOR MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

SENIOR MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT (the "**Agreement**"), effective as of January 1, 2017 (the "Effective Date"), by and between Huron Consulting Group Inc., a Delaware corporation ("**Huron**"), and C. Mark Hussey ("**Executive**").

PRELIMINARY RECITALS

WHEREAS, Huron and its affiliates are engaged in the business of providing diversified business consulting services (the "Business"). For purposes of this Agreement (except where the context contemplates otherwise), the term the "Company" shall include Huron, its subsidiaries and assignees and any successors in interest of the Company and its subsidiaries;

WHEREAS, the Company currently employs Executive and desires to continue to employ Executive from and after the Effective Date, and Executive desires to continue to be so employed by the Company, as set forth herein;

WHEREAS, this Amended and Restated Senior Management Agreement will supersede and replace any prior Senior Management Agreements; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, the mutual covenants of the parties hereinafter set forth and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

1. Employment.

- 1.1 Title and Duties. The Company agrees to continue to employ Executive, and Executive agrees to accept such continuing employment with the Company, as Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer for the Employment Period, in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. During the Employment Period, Executive shall have such responsibilities, duties and authorities as are customarily assigned to such position and shall render such services or act in such capacity for the Company and its affiliates, as Huron's Chief Executive Officer (the "CEO") shall from time to time direct. Executive shall perform the duties and carry out the responsibilities assigned to Executive, to the best of Executive's ability, in a trustworthy and businesslike manner for the purpose of advancing the business of the Company and its affiliates. Executive shall engage in travel as reasonably required in the performance of Executive's duties. Executive acknowledges that Executive's duties and responsibilities hereunder will require Executive's full business time and effort and agrees that, during the Employment Period, Executive will not engage in any other business activity or have any business pursuits or interests which materially interfere or conflict with the performance of Executive's duties hereunder; provided that Executive may, with the approval of the CEO or his designee, serve on the board of other corporations or charitable organizations and engage in charitable activities, community affairs, and teaching.
- 1.2 <u>Employment Period</u>. The employment of Executive under this Agreement shall continue, unless one of the parties shall deliver to the other sixty (60) days' advance written notice of the cessation of Executive's employment (the "**Employment Period**"). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Employment Period is subject to termination pursuant to this **Section 1.2** and **Sections 1.3**, **1.4** and **1.5**.

- 1.3 <u>Termination Upon Death</u>. If Executive dies during the Employment Period, Executive's employment shall automatically terminate on the date of Executive's death.
 - 1.4 <u>Termination by the Company.</u>
- (a) The Company may terminate Executive's employment hereunder upon written notice to Executive as described in **Section 10.5**. Such termination shall be effective upon the date notice of such termination is given pursuant to **Section 10.5** unless such notice shall otherwise provide.
- (b) For purposes of this Agreement, "**Cause**" means the occurrence of any of the following events, as determined in the reasonable good faith judgment of the CEO:
 - (i) the failure of Executive to perform Executive's material duties (unless such failure relates to any disability, sickness or injury of Executive) which failure continues for twenty (20) days after the Company has given written notice to Executive specifying in reasonable detail the manner in which Executive has failed to perform such duties and affording opportunity to cure;
 - (ii) commission by Executive of an act or omission (A) constituting (x) a felony, (y) dishonesty with respect to the Company or (z) fraud, or (B) that (x) could reasonably be expected to adversely and materially affect the Company's business or reputation, or (y) involves moral turpitude;
 - (iii) the breach, non-performance or non-observance of any of the material terms of this Agreement (other than a breach, non-performance or non-observance described in clause (i) of this **Section 1.4(b)**), or any other agreement to which Executive and the Company are parties, by Executive, if such breach, non-performance or non-observance shall continue beyond a period of twenty (20) days immediately after written notice thereof given by the Company to Executive; or
 - (iv) any breach, non-performance or non-observance of any of **Sections 6.3, 6.4** or **6.5** of this Agreement; provided, that if such conduct occurs while Executive is employed hereunder, the Company shall allow Executive an opportunity for a hearing before Huron's Board of Directors (the "**Board**") prior to any termination of Executive for Cause.
- (c) Executive shall be deemed to have a "**Permanent Disability**" for purposes of this Agreement if Executive is eligible to receive benefits under the Company's long-term disability plan then covering Executive.
- 1.5 Termination by Executive. Except as otherwise provided herein, Executive shall give sixty (60) days' notice to the Company prior to the effectiveness of any resignation of Executive's employment with the Company. Executive's termination of employment shall be deemed to be on account of "Good Reason" if (a)(i) the Company gives notice to Executive that, during the Employment Period, Executive's primary location of employment with the Company will change to a location that is more than fifty (50) miles from Executive's primary location of employment with the Company in Chicago, Illinois, if (ii) Executive gives notice to the Company that the Company has materially failed to comply with any material term of this Agreement, or (iii) the Company materially reduces Executive's base salary or benefits coverage, provided that such reduction is without Executive's consent, is not warranted by the Company's financial condition, and is not a change that applies uniformly to similarly-situated Company executives, (b) the Company does not rescind (or otherwise cure) such event or condition within the sixty (60) day period following the occurrence of such event or, if applicable, the date of the notice from Executive to the Company,

and (c) Executive resigns his employment within thirty (30) days after the end of such sixty (60) day cure period. Any notice from Executive to the Company under Section 1.5(a)(ii) or (iii) shall be provided within thirty (30) days after Executive first has knowledge of the applicable event or condition.

2. Compensation.

- 2.1 <u>Base Salary.</u> As consideration for the services of Executive hereunder, the Company shall pay Executive an annual base salary (the "**Base Salary**"), payable in accordance with the Company's customary payroll practices as in effect from time to time. The CEO shall perform an annual review of Executive's compensation based on Executive's performance of Executive's duties and the Company's other compensation policies, provided that Executive's Base Salary shall not be reduced without Executive's consent unless such reduction is part of a comparable overall reduction for members of senior management. The term Base Salary shall include any changes to the Base Salary from time to time.
- 2.2 <u>Bonus Programs.</u> For each calendar year, Executive shall be eligible for an annual bonus in an amount determined by the Compensation Committee of the Board (the "Compensation Committee") based on Executive's performance of Executive's duties and the Company's other compensation policies (the "**Annual Bonus"**). The actual Annual Bonus paid will be based on the Company and Executive performance. Except as otherwise described in this Agreement, Executive's right to any bonus payable pursuant to this **Section 2.2** shall be contingent upon Executive being employed by the Company on the date the Annual Bonus is generally paid to executives of the Company.
- 3. <u>Equity Award</u>. Executive shall generally be eligible to participate in Huron's equity plans from time to time, with the amount of any equity awards, and the terms and conditions under which they are granted being in the sole discretion of the Compensation Committee based on Executive's performance of Executive's duties and the Company's other compensation policies. Such equity awards shall be subject to the terms of the applicable equity incentive plan of the Company and granting agreement.

4. Benefits and Expenses.

- 4.1 <u>Benefits.</u> During the Employment Period, Executive shall be eligible to participate in the various health and welfare benefit plans maintained by the Company for its similarly-situated key management employees from time to time, including but not limited to paid vacation, medical and dental insurance, and disability and life insurance at levels as are provided from time to time to similarly-situated executives of the Company.
- Business Expenses. During the Employment Period, the Company shall reimburse Executive for all ordinary, necessary and reasonable travel and other business expenses incurred by Executive in connection with the performance of Executive's duties hereunder, in accordance with the Company policy. Such reimbursement shall be made upon presentation of itemized expense statements and such other supporting documentation as the Company may reasonably require. To the extent that any such reimbursements are taxable to Executive ("Taxable Reimbursements"), such reimbursements shall be paid to Executive only if (a) the expenses are incurred and reimbursable pursuant to a reimbursement plan that provides an objectively determinable nondiscretionary definition of the expenses that are eligible for reimbursement and (b) the expenses are incurred during the Employment Period. With respect to any Taxable Reimbursements, the amount of the expenses that are eligible for reimbursement during one calendar year may not affect the amount of reimbursements to be provided in any subsequent calendar year, the reimbursement of an eligible expense shall be made on or before the last day of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the expense was incurred, and the right to reimbursement of the expenses shall not be subject to liquidation or exchange for any other benefit.

5. <u>Compensation After Termination.</u>

5.1 <u>Termination For Cause; Resignation Without Good Reason.</u> If, Executive's employment is terminated by the Company for Cause or if Executive resigns his employment other than for Good Reason during the Employment Period then, except as required by law, the Company shall have no further obligations to Executive (except payment of the Base Salary accrued through the date of said termination), and the Company shall continue to have all other rights available hereunder (including, without limitation, all rights under the Restrictive Covenants at law or in equity).

5.2 Termination Without Cause; Resignation For Good Reason.

- (a) If Executive's employment is terminated by the Company without Cause or Executive resigns for Good Reason, then, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Executive shall be entitled to receive the following amounts and benefits:
 - (i) an amount in cash equal to one and one half (1.5) times the sum of Executive's annual Base Salary and Target Bonus for the year of termination or resignation ("Severance Pay") payable to Executive in one lump sum within sixty (60) days following Executive's termination of employment;
 - (ii) Continuation of medical benefits for eighteen (18) months upon the same terms as exist from time to time for active similarly-situated executives of the Company, which benefits shall be considered part of, and not in addition to, any coverage required under COBRA; and
 - (iii) An amount in cash equal to the Annual Bonus that Executive would have earned for the year of termination or resignation had he remained employed for the year in which his termination or resignation occurs based on satisfaction of Company performance targets, multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of completed days of employment by Executive (including the date of termination or resignation) during the year of termination or resignation and the denominator of which is 365, which amount will be paid to Executive at the same time that the annual bonus is otherwise payable to the Company's executives in accordance with the annual bonus plan.
- (b) The Company shall have no other obligations under this Agreement or otherwise for periods from and after Executive's employment termination date (except payment of the Base Salary accrued through the date of said termination), and the Company shall continue to have all other rights available hereunder (including, without limitation, all rights under the Restrictive Covenants at law or in equity).
- 5.3 Termination Due To Death, Permanent Disability. if Executive's employment is terminated due to Executive's Permanent Disability or if Executive dies during the Employment Period, then subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, (a) Executive or Executive's estate, as the case may be, shall be entitled to receive, in addition to any amounts Executive may be entitled to receive under the Company's long-term disability plan or other benefit plans, payment of Base Salary through the date of termination, and (b) Executive and/or Executive's eligible dependents shall receive continuation of medical benefits upon the same terms as exist immediately prior to the termination of employment for similarly-situated active executives of the Company for the six (6)-month period immediately following the termination of employment (which benefits shall be considered part of, and not in addition to, any coverage required under COBRA). The Company shall have no other obligations under this Section 5.3 or otherwise with respect to Executive's employment from and after the termination date, and the Company shall continue to

have all other rights available hereunder (including, without limitation, all rights under the Restrictive Covenants at law or in equity). Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Executive or Executive's estate shall also be entitled to receive the following amounts and benefits:

- (a) An amount in cash equal to the then-prevailing target amount of Executive's Annual Bonus ("**Target Bonus**") for the year of death or disability multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of completed days of employment by Executive (including the date of termination or resignation) during the year of termination or resignation and the denominator of which is 365, which amount will be paid to Executive or Executive's estate at the same time that the annual bonus is otherwise payable to the Company's executives in accordance with the annual bonus plan.
- (b) Full vesting of any outstanding time-based equity awards granted to Executive, notwithstanding anything to the contrary that may be delineated in any equity plan or equity award agreement. Performance based equity will be treated in accordance with the applicable performance share equity agreement then in effect.
 - 5.4 This Section Intentionally Left Blank.
 - 5.5 <u>Change of Control.</u>
- (a) The provisions of **Sections 5.2** and **5.3** hereof to the contrary notwithstanding but subject to the other terms and conditions of this Agreement, if (i) Executive is terminated by the Company without Cause or Executive resigns his employment for CoC Good Reason (defined below) in either case during the period commencing on a Change of Control (defined below) and ending on the second anniversary of the Change of Control (such two year period being the "**Protection Period**" hereunder), or (ii) Executive reasonably demonstrates that the Company's termination of Executive's employment (or an event which, had it occurred following a Change of Control, would have constituted CoC Good Reason) prior to a Change of Control was attributable to or intended to facilitate a Change of Control or was at the request of or instigation of a third party who was taking steps reasonably calculated to effect a Change of Control (or otherwise in contemplation of a Change of Control) and a Change of Control actually occurs within twelve (12) months of such termination or resignation of Executive (a "**Qualifying Termination**"), then, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Executive shall be entitled to receive the following payments and benefits:
 - (i) an amount in cash equal to two (2) times the sum of Executive's annual Base Salary and Target Bonus for the year of termination or resignation;
 - (ii) an amount in cash equal to the then-prevailing target amount of Executive's Annual Bonus ("Target Bonus") for the year of termination or resignation multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of completed days of employment by Executive (including the date of termination or resignation) during the year of termination or resignation and the denominator of which is 365; which amount will be paid to Executive at the same time that the annual bonus is otherwise payable to the Company's executives in accordance with the annual bonus plan;
 - (iii) anything set forth in any equity plan, equity award or any other provision of this Agreement between the Company and Executive to the contrary notwithstanding, all of Executive's outstanding equity grants that were awarded at or prior to the time of the Change of Control shall fully vest upon the occurrence of a Qualifying Termination; and

(iv) continuation of medical benefits twenty-four (24) months from the date of such termination or resignation upon the same terms as exist for Executive immediately prior to the termination or resignation date (which benefits shall be considered part of, and not in addition to, any coverage required under COBRA).

Following any termination or resignation of Executive's employment pursuant to this Section 5.5, the Company shall continue to have all other rights available hereunder (including, without limitation, all rights under the Restrictive Covenants and any restrictive covenants set forth in any plan, award and agreement applicable to Executive, at law or in equity). Subject to Executive's execution of the Release described in Section 5.6, the payments described in clauses (i) and (ii) ("Change of Control Severance Pay") shall be paid in a lump sum within sixty (60) days following Executive's termination or resignation of employment (or, in the case of a Qualifying Termination that occurs prior to the Change of Control, within sixty (60) days following the Change of Control). If the Qualifying Termination occurs prior to a Change of Control, in addition to the benefits described in clause (iv) of this **Section 5.5(a)**, Executive shall be paid a lump sum cash payment equal to the difference between (I) the applicable premium paid by Executive for continuation of medical benefits under COBRA from the date of the Qualifying Termination through the date of the Change of Control (the "Pre-CoC **Coverage Period**") and (II) the amount of the applicable premium that would have been paid by Executive for continuation of medical benefits during the Pre-CoC Coverage Period had the provisions of Section 5.5(a)(iv) been given effect from the date of the Qualifying Termination, which payment shall be made in a lump sum within sixty (60) days following the Change of Control. If (and to the extent) that the benefits provided pursuant to **Section 5.5(a)(iv)** are taxable to Executive and are subject to Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), the amount of the expenses that are eligible for reimbursement during one calendar year may not affect the amount of reimbursements to be provided in any subsequent calendar year, the reimbursement of an eligible expense shall be made on or before the last day of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the expense was incurred, and the right to reimbursement of the expenses shall not be subject to liquidation or exchange for any other benefit.

- (b) Payments and benefits under **Section 5.5(a)** shall not be subject to mitigation or offset, except that medical benefits may be offset by comparable benefits obtained by Executive in connection with subsequent employment. Nothing in this **Section 5.5** is intended to result in duplication of benefits provided by other provisions of this Agreement.
- (c) The Change of Control Severance Pay shall be in lieu of the Severance Pay otherwise for a termination under **Section 5.2** of this Agreement and any other plan or agreement of the Company, whether adopted before or after the date hereof, which provides severance payments or benefits. For the avoidance of doubt, Executive shall not be entitled to payments and benefits under both this **Section 5.5** and any other provision of this **Section 5** as the result of his termination of employment.
- (d) If it is determined that any amount, right or benefit paid or payable (or otherwise provided or to be provided) to Executive by the Company or any of its affiliates under this Agreement or any other plan, program or arrangement under which Executive participates or is a party (collectively, the "**Payments**"), would constitute an "excess parachute payment" within the meaning of Section 280G of the Code, subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code, as amended from time to time (the "**Excise Tax**"), then the amount of the Payments payable to Executive under this Agreement shall be reduced (a "**Reduction**") to the extent necessary so that no portion of such Payments payable to Executive is subject to the Excise Tax.

All determinations required to be made under this **Section 5.5(d)** and the assumptions to be utilized in arriving at such determination, shall be made by an independent, nationally recognized

accounting firm mutually acceptable to the Company and Executive (the "**Auditor**"); provided that in the event a Reduction is required, Executive may determine which Payments shall be reduced in order to comply with the provisions of **Section 5.5(d)**; provided, however, that Executive may not determine such order with respect to any payments that are subject to Section 409A of the Code. The Auditor shall promptly provide detailed supporting calculations to both the Company and Executive following any determination that a Reduction is necessary. All fees and expenses of the Auditor shall be paid by the Company. All determinations made by the Auditor shall be binding upon the Company and Executive.

- (e) For purposes of this Agreement, the term "Change of Control" shall be deemed to have occurred upon the first to occur of the following events:
 - (i) any Person becomes the Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of common stock or voting securities of Huron (not including in the amounts beneficially owned by such Person any common stock or voting securities acquired directly from Huron or its Affiliates) representing 40% or more of the combined voting power of Huron's then outstanding securities; or
 - (ii) there is consummated a merger or consolidation of Huron or any direct or indirect subsidiary of Huron with any Person, other than (A) a merger or consolidation which would result in the voting securities of Huron outstanding immediately prior to such merger or consolidation continuing to represent (either by remaining outstanding or by being converted into voting securities of the surviving entity or any parent thereof) at least 50% of the combined voting power of the securities of Huron or such surviving entity or any parent thereof outstanding immediately after such merger or consolidation, (B) a merger or consolidation effected to implement a recapitalization of Huron (or similar transaction) after which no Person other than existing security holders is or becomes the Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of securities of Huron (not including in the amount Beneficially Owned by such Person any common stock or voting securities acquired directly from Huron or its Affiliates) representing 50% or more of the combined voting power of Huron's then outstanding securities, or (C) a merger or consolidation of a subsidiary of Huron that does not represent a sale of all or substantially all of the assets of Huron; or
 - (iii) the shareholders of Huron approve a plan of complete liquidation or dissolution of Huron (except for a plan of liquidation or dissolution effected to implement a recapitalization of Huron addressed in (ii) above); or
 - (iv) there is consummated an agreement for the sale or disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of Huron to a Person, other than a sale or disposition by Huron of all or substantially all of the assets of Huron to an entity at least 50% of the combined voting power of the voting securities of which are owned by shareholders of Huron.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a "Change of Control" shall not be deemed to have occurred by virtue of the consummation of any transaction or series of integrated transactions immediately following which the record holders of the common stock of Huron immediately prior to such transaction or series of transactions continue to have substantially the same proportionate ownership in an entity which owns all or substantially all of the assets of Huron immediately following such transaction or series of transactions.

For purposes of this Change of Control definition, (I) "**Beneficial Owner**" shall have the meaning set forth in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act, (II) "**Exchange Act**" shall mean the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time, (III) "**Person**" shall have the meaning given in Section 3(a)(9)

of the Exchange Act, as modified and used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) thereof, except that such term shall not include (w) Huron or any of Huron's direct or indirect subsidiaries, (x) a trustee or other fiduciary holding securities under an employee benefit plan of Huron or any of its Affiliates, (y) an underwriter temporarily holding securities pursuant to an offering of such securities, or (z) a corporation owned, directly or indirectly, by the stockholders of Huron in substantially the same proportions as their ownership of stock of Huron and (IV) "Affiliate" shall have the meaning set forth in Rule 12b-2 promulgated under Section 12 of the Exchange Act.

- (f) For purposes of this **Section 5.5** (and distinguished from "Good Reason" provided under certain other circumstances under this Agreement), the term "**CoC Good Reason**" means the occurrence of any of the following within the twenty-four (24) month period following a Change of Control (or prior to a Change of Control in connection with a Qualifying Termination) without the express written consent of Executive:
 - (i) any material breach by the Company of this Agreement;
 - (ii) any material adverse change in the status, responsibilities or position of Executive;
 - (iii) any material reduction in Base Salary or Target Bonus, other than in connection with an across-the-board reduction in Base Salaries applicable in like proportions to all similarly-situated executives of the Company and any direct or indirect parent of the Company;
 - (iv) assignment of duties to Executive that are materially inconsistent with Executive's position and responsibilities described in this Agreement; and
 - (v) requiring Executive to be principally based at any office or location more than fifty (50) miles from Executive's current location in Chicago, Illinois.

The foregoing to the contrary notwithstanding, if Huron is acquired as a subsidiary or division of a reporting company pursuant to Section 13 and Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the fact that Executive is not named as Chief Operating Officer of the reporting company following the Change of Control shall not constitute CoC Good Reason.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this paragraph (f), Executive's termination of employment shall be considered to be on account of CoC Good Reason only if (A) an event or condition occurs which satisfies the foregoing provisions of this **Section 5.5(f)**, (B) Executive provides the Company with written notice pursuant to **Section 10.5** that he intends to resign for CoC Good Reason and such written notice includes (I) a designation of at least one of **Section 5.5(f)(i)-(v)** (the "**Designated Sections**") which Executive believes is the basis for CoC Good Reason, and (II) specifically describes the events or conditions Executive is relying upon to satisfy the requirements of the Designated Sections, (C) as of the thirtieth (30th) day following the Company's receipt of such notice from Executive, such events or conditions have not been corrected in all material respects, and (D) Executive resigns his employment within sixty (60) days after the date on which Executive first has actual knowledge of the occurrence of the events or conditions upon which Executive relies upon to satisfy any of the Designated Sections.

5.6 <u>General Release.</u> Executive acknowledges and agrees that Executive's right to receive severance pay and other benefits (including post-termination equity vesting) pursuant to **Section 5.2** and **5.5** of this Agreement (collectively, the "**Severance Benefits**") is contingent upon Executive's compliance with the covenants, representations, warranties and agreements set forth in **Section 6** of this Agreement and, except for those payments and benefits required to be made or provided by law or pursuant to the express terms of

a benefit plan (and other than those benefits to be provided upon death), such Severance Benefits shall be conditioned upon Executive's execution and acceptance of the terms and conditions of, and the effectiveness of, a general release in the standard form used by the Company at the time of Executive's termination of employment. (the "Release"); provided, however, that such Release shall not require Executive to relinquish any rights or claims that (a) arise after his execution of the Release, (b) relate to indemnification or liability insurance pursuant to the Company's insurance plans, bylaws or applicable law, or (c) cannot be waived by law. If Executive fails to comply with the covenants set forth in Section 6 or if Executive fails to execute the Release or revokes the Release during the seven (7)-day period following his execution of the Release, then Executive shall not be entitled to any Severance Benefits. The Company shall provide Executive with the Release within five (5) days following his termination of employment (or, in the case of any benefits relating to a Qualifying Termination occurring prior to a Change of Control, within five (5) days following the Change of Control). Executive shall be entitled to any such Severance Benefits only if the Release has been executed, is effective and the applicable revocation period has expired no later than the date as of which such Severance Benefits are to be paid (or provided) pursuant to this Agreement and if such requirements are not satisfied, Executive shall not be entitled to any such Severance Benefits.

6. Restrictive Covenants and Agreements.

- 6.1 <u>Executive's Acknowledgment.</u> Executive agrees and acknowledges that in order to assure the Company that it will retain its value and that of the Business as a going concern, it is necessary that Executive not utilize special knowledge of the Business and its relationships with customers to compete with the Company. Executive further acknowledges that:
 - (a) the Company is and will be engaged in the Business during the Employment Period and thereafter;
 - (b) Executive will occupy a position of trust and confidence with the Company, and during the Employment Period, Executive will become familiar with the Company's trade secrets and with other proprietary and Confidential Information concerning the Company and the Business;
 - (c) the agreements and covenants contained in this **Section 6** and **Sections 7, 8 and 9** are essential to protect the Company and the confidentiality of its Confidential Information (defined below) and near permanent client relationships as well as goodwill of the Business and compliance with such agreements and covenants will not impair Executive's ability to procure subsequent and comparable employment; and
 - (d) Executive's employment with the Company has special, unique and extraordinary value to the Company and the Company would be irreparably damaged if Executive were to provide services to any person or entity in violation of the provisions of this Agreement.
- 6.2 <u>Confidential Information</u>. As used in this **Section 6**, "**Confidential Information**" shall mean the Company's trade secrets and other non-public information relating to the Company or the Business, including, without limitation, information relating to financial statements, customer identities, potential customers, employees, suppliers, acquisition targets, servicing methods, equipment, programs, strategies and information, analyses, marketing plans and strategies, profit margins and other information developed or used by the Company in connection with the Business that is not known generally to the public or the industry and that gives the Company an advantage in the marketplace. Confidential Information shall not include any information that is in the public domain or becomes known in the public domain through no wrongful act on the part of Executive. Executive agrees to deliver to the Company at the termination of Executive's employment, or at any other time the Company may request, all memoranda, notes, plans, records,

reports and other documents (and copies thereof) relating to the Business or the Company or other forms of Confidential Information which Executive may then possess or have under Executive's control.

6.3 <u>Non-Disclosure.</u> Executive agrees that during employment with the Company and thereafter, Executive shall not reveal to any competitor or other person or entity (other than current employees of the Company) any Confidential Information regarding Clients (as defined herein) that Executive obtains while performing services for the Company. Executive further agrees that Executive will not use or disclose any Confidential Information of the Company, other than in connection with Executive's work for the Company, until such information becomes generally known in the industry through no fault of Executive.

Nothing in this Agreement prohibits Executive from reporting an event that Executive reasonably and in good faith believes is a violation of law to the relevant law-enforcement agency (such as the Securities and Exchange Commission, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, or Department of Labor), or from cooperating in an investigation conducted by such a government agency. Executive is hereby provided notice that under the 2016 Defend Trade Secrets Act (DTSA): (1) no individual will be held criminally or civilly liable under Federal or State trade secret law for the disclosure of a trade secret (as defined in the Economic Espionage Act) that: (A) is made in confidence to a Federal, State, or local government official, either directly or indirectly, or to an attorney; and made solely for the purpose of reporting or investigating a suspected violation of law; or, (B) is made in a complaint or other document filed in a lawsuit or other proceeding, if such filing is made under seal so that it is not made public; and, (2) an individual who pursues a lawsuit for retaliation by an employer for reporting a suspected violation of the law may disclose the trade secret to the attorney of the individual and use the trade secret information in the court proceeding, if the individual files any document containing the trade secret under seal, and does not disclose the trade secret, except as permitted by court order.

6.4 <u>Non-Solicitation of Clients.</u> Executive acknowledges that Executive will learn and develop Confidential Information relating to the Company's Clients and relating to the Company's servicing of those Clients. Executive recognizes that the Company's relationships with its Clients are extremely valuable to it and that the protection of the Company's relationships with its Clients is essential.

Accordingly, and in consideration of the Company's employment of Executive and the various benefits and payments provided in conjunction therewith, Executive agrees that during the Employment Period and for the longer period ("Restricted Period") thereafter of (i) the period for which Executive is entitled to receive severance payments under Section 5.2(a)(i) or, if applicable. Section 5.5(a)(ii), or (ii) twelve (12) months following any termination of Executive's employment with the Company for any reason, Executive will not, whether or not Executive is then self-employed or employed by another, directly or through another, provide services that are the same or similar to those services offered for sale and/or under any stage of development by the Company at the time of Executive's termination, to any Client of the Company whom Executive:

- (a) obtained as a Client for the Company; or
- (b) consulted with, provided services for, or supervised the provision of services for during the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding termination of Executive's employment; or
- (c) submitted or assisted in the submission of a proposal for the provision of services during the six (6) month period immediately preceding termination of Executive's employment.

"Client" shall mean those persons or firms for whom the Company has either directly or indirectly provided services within the twenty-four (24)-month period immediately preceding termination of Executive's employment and therefore includes both the referral source or entity that consults with the Company and the entity to which the consultation related. "Client" also includes those persons or firms to

whom Executive has submitted a proposal (or assisted in the submission of a proposal) to perform services during the six (6) month period immediately preceding termination of Executive's employment. For the avoidance of doubt, for purposes of determining the Restricted Period, the period for which Executive is entitled to receive severance payments shall be determined based on the period of Base Salary that is to be paid to Executive as severance payments, regardless of the period over which the severance is actually paid.

- 6.5 <u>Non-Interference with Relationships.</u> Executive shall not at any time during the Restricted Period directly or indirectly solicit, induce or encourage (a) any executive or employee or other personnel (including contractors) of the Company, or (b) any customer, Client, supplier, lender, professional advisor or other business relation of the Company to leave, alter or cease his/her/its relationship with the Company, for any reason whatsoever. Executive shall not hire or assist in the hiring of any executive or employee or other personnel (including contractors) of the Company for that same time period, whether or not Executive is then self-employed or employed by another business. Executive shall not at any time directly or indirectly make disparaging remarks about the Company.
- 6.6 <u>Modification.</u> If any court of competent jurisdiction shall at any time deem that the term of any Restrictive Covenant is too lengthy, or the scope or subject matter of any Restrictive Covenant exceeds the limitations imposed by applicable law, the parties agree that provisions of **Sections 6.3, 6.4** and **6.5** shall be amended to the minimum extent necessary such that the provision is enforceable or permissible by such applicable law and be enforced as amended.
- Representations and Warranties. Executive has made full disclosure to the Company concerning the existence of, and delivered copies of any documents relating to, any contractual arrangement (including, but not limited to, any non-compete or non-solicitation agreement) that Executive has with any current or former employer which agreement purports to be in effect as of the Effective Date or the dates of Executive's intended employment with the Company (other than the Prior Agreement). Executive represents, warrants and covenants to the Company that (a) Executive is not a party to or bound by any employment agreement, noncompete, nonsolicitation (of customers or employees), nondisturbance (of customers, employees or vendors), or confidentiality agreement with any previous employer or any other person or entity that would be violated by Executive's acceptance of this position or which would interfere in any material respect with the performance of Executive's duties with the Company, (b) that Executive will not use any confidential information or trade secrets of any person or party other than the Company in connection with the performance of Executive's duties with the Company, (c) that Executive will not at any time breach (or threaten to breach) any such agreement with any such previous employer or any other person or entity during Executive's employment with the Company and (d) Executive shall not at any time enter into any modification of any forgoing such agreement or any new agreement with, waive any rights of Executive under any agreement with, or acknowledge any amounts due from Executive to, Executive's previous employer without first obtaining the prior written consent of the Company in its sole discretion. Executive shall hereafter immediately disclose to the Company any knowledge of Executive of a possible or potential violation of any forgoing such agreement occurring at any time.
- 7. Ownership of Intellectual Property. All intellectual property, ideas, inventions, writings, software and Confidential Information created or conceived by Executive alone or with others while employed with the Company that relate to the Company's business or clients or work assigned to Executive by the Company (collectively, "Materials") constitute "work made for hire" and are the exclusive property of the Company. If for any reason any Materials cannot legally constitute a "work made for hire," then this Agreement shall operate as an irrevocable assignment and agreement to assign to the Company all right, title and interest in such Materials. Executive will promptly disclose to the Company in writing all Materials developed during his employment with the Company, and Executive will execute such documents as may be necessary to evidence his assignment(s) of all right, title and interest in Materials to the Company. If Executive claims

ownership in any intellectual property, ideas or inventions that predate his employment with the Company, then Executive will disclose such claims in writing to the Company's Human Resources Department before commencing any work for the Company.

8. <u>Effect on Termination</u>. If, for any reason, this Agreement shall terminate or Executive's employment with the Company shall terminate, then, notwithstanding such termination, those provisions contained in this Section 8 and Sections 6, 7, 9 and 10 hereof shall survive and thereafter remain in full force and effect.

9. Remedies.

- 9.1 Non-Exclusive Remedy for Restrictive Covenants. Executive acknowledges and agrees that the covenants set forth in **Sections 6.3, 6.4,** and **6.5** of this Agreement (collectively, the "**Restrictive Covenants**") are reasonable and necessary for the protection of the Company's business interests, that irreparable injury will result to the Company if Executive breaches any of the terms of the Restrictive Covenants, and that in the event of Executive's actual or threatened breach of any such Restrictive Covenants, the Company will have no adequate remedy at law. Executive accordingly agrees that in the event of any actual or threatened breach by Executive of any of the Restrictive Covenants, the Company shall be entitled to immediate temporary injunctive and other equitable relief, without the necessity of showing actual monetary damages or the posting of bond. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as prohibiting the Company from pursuing any other remedies available to it for such breach or threatened breach, including the recovery of damages.
- 9.2 <u>Arbitration.</u> Except as set forth in **Section 9.1,** any controversy or claim arising out of or related to (i) this Agreement, (ii) the breach thereof, (iii) Executive's employment with the Company or the termination of such employment, or (iv) Employment Discrimination, shall be settled by arbitration in Chicago, Illinois before a single arbitrator administered by the American Arbitration Association ("**AAA**") under its National Rules for the Resolution of Employment Disputes, amended and restated effective as of January 1, 2004 (the "**Employment Rules**"), and judgment on the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Rule R-34 of the AAA's Commercial Arbitration Rules amended and restated effective as of September 1, 2007 (instead of Rule 27 of the Employment Rules) shall apply to interim measures. References herein to any arbitration rule(s) shall be construed as referring to such rule(s) as amended or renumbered from time to time and to any successor rules. References to the AAA include any successor organization. "**Employment Discrimination**" means any discrimination against or harassment of Executive in connection with Executive's employment with the Company or the termination of such employment, including any discrimination or harassment prohibited under federal, state or local statute or other applicable law, including the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disability Act or any similar federal, state or local statute.

10. Miscellaneous.

Assignment. Executive may not assign any of Executive's rights or obligations hereunder without the written consent of the Company. The Company may assign this Agreement without the consent of Executive. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, all covenants and agreements contained in this Agreement by or on behalf of any of the parties hereto shall bind and inure to the benefit of the respective successors and assigns of the parties hereto whether so expressed or not. In connection with a Change of Control, the Company shall cause a successor to the Company to explicitly assume and agree to be bound by this Agreement.

- 10.2 <u>Severability.</u> Whenever possible, each provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision of this Agreement is held to be prohibited by or invalid under applicable law, such provision shall be ineffective only to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity and without invalidating the remainder of this Agreement.
- 10.3 <u>Counterparts.</u> This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same Agreement.
- 10.4 <u>Descriptive Headings; Interpretation.</u> The descriptive headings in this Agreement are inserted for convenience of reference only and are not intended to be part of or to affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement. The use of the word **"including"** in this Agreement shall be by way of example rather than by limitation.
- Notices. All notices, demands or other communications to be given under or by reason of the provisions of this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if (a) delivered personally to the recipient, (b) sent to the recipient by reputable express courier service (charges prepaid) or mailed to the recipient by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested and postage prepaid, or (c) transmitted by telecopy or electronic mail to the recipient. Such notices, demands and other communications shall be sent to the addresses indicated below:

To the Company: Huron Consulting Group Inc. 550 West Van Buren Street

Chicago, IL 60607 Attention:Patricia Olsen Facsimile:(312) 880-3250

To Executive: C. Mark Hussey

or to such other address or to the attention of such other person as the recipient party shall have specified by prior written notice to the sending party. The date in which such notice shall be deemed given shall be (w) the date of receipt if personally delivered, (x) three (3) business days after the date of mailing if sent by certified or registered mail, (y) one business day after the date of delivery to the overnight courier if sent by overnight courier or (z) the next business day after the date of transmittal by telecopy.

- 10.6 <u>Preamble; Preliminary Recitals.</u> The Preliminary Recitals set forth in the Preamble hereto are hereby incorporated and made part of this Agreement.
- 10.7 <u>Taxes.</u> All compensation payable to Executive from the Company shall be subject to all applicable withholding taxes, normal payroll withholding and any other amounts required by law to be withheld.
- 10.8 <u>Entire Agreement.</u> Except as otherwise expressly set forth herein, this Agreement sets forth the entire understanding of the parties, and supersedes and preempts all prior oral or written understandings and agreements with respect to the subject matter hereof, including the Prior Agreement, as amended.
- 10.9 <u>Governing Law.</u> This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, and all questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by, the laws of the State of Illinois without giving effect to provisions thereof regarding conflict of laws.

- 10.10 <u>No Strict Construction.</u> The language used in this Agreement will be deemed to be the language chosen by the parties hereto to express their mutual intent, and no rule of strict construction will be applied against any party hereto.
- 10.11 <u>Amendment and Waivers.</u> Any provisions of this Agreement may be amended or waived only with the prior written consent of the Company and Executive.
- 10.12 Additional Section 409A Provisions. Notwithstanding any provision contained in this Agreement to the contrary, if (a) any payment hereunder is subject to Section 409A of the Code, (b) such payment is to be paid on account of Executive's separation from service (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code) and (c) Executive is a "specified employee" (within the meaning of Section 409A(a)(2)(B) of the Code), then such payment shall be delayed, if necessary, until the first day of the seventh month following Executive's separation from service (or, if later, the date on which such payment is otherwise to be paid under this Agreement). With respect to any payments hereunder that are subject to Section 409A of the Code and that are payable on account of a separation from service, the determination of whether Executive has had a separation from service shall be determined in accordance with Section 409A of the Code. It is the intention of both the Company and Executive that the benefits and rights to which Executive could be entitled in connection with termination of employment comply with Section 409A of the Code and the Treasury Regulations and other guidance promulgated or issued thereunder, and the provisions of this Agreement shall be construed in a manner consistent with that intention. If Executive or the Company believes, at any time, that any such benefit or right does not so comply, it shall promptly advise the other and shall negotiate reasonably and in good faith to amend the terms of such benefits and rights such that they comply with Section 409A of the Code (with the most limited possible economic effect on Executive and on the Company). Neither the Company nor Executive, individually or in combination, may accelerate any payment or benefit that is subject to Section 409A of the Code, except in compliance with Section 409A and the provisions of this Agreement, and no amount that is subject to Section 409A shall be paid prior to the earliest date on which it may be paid without violating Section 409A.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the dates written below.

COMPANY:

HURON CONSULTING GROUP INC.

By: /s/ James H. Roth

Its: CEO

Date: January 5, 2017

C. Mark Hussey

/s/ C. Mark Hussey

C. Mark Hussey

(print name)

January 5, 2017

Date

SENIOR MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN

HURON CONSULTING GROUP INC.

AND

DIANE E. RATEKIN

SENIOR MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

SENIOR MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT (the "**Agreement**"), effective as of January 1, 2017 (the "Effective Date"), by and between Huron Consulting Group Inc., a Delaware corporation ("**Huron**"), and Diane E. Ratekin ("**Executive**").

PRELIMINARY RECITALS

WHEREAS, Huron and its affiliates are engaged in the business of providing diversified business consulting services (the "**Business**"). For purposes of this Agreement (except where the context contemplates otherwise), the term the "**Company**" shall include Huron, its subsidiaries and assignees and any successors in interest of the Company and its subsidiaries;

WHEREAS, the Company currently employs Executive and desires to continue to employ Executive from and after the Effective Date, and Executive desires to continue to be so employed by the Company, as set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, this Amended and Restated Senior Management Agreement will supersede and replace any prior Senior Management Agreements;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, the mutual covenants of the parties hereinafter set forth and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

1. <u>Employment</u>.

1.1 <u>Title and Duties</u>. The Company agrees to continue to employ Executive,

and Executive agrees to accept such continuing employment with the Company, as Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for the Employment Period, in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. During the Employment Period, Executive shall have such responsibilities, duties and authorities as are customarily assigned to such position and shall render such services or act in such capacity for the Company and its affiliates, as Huron's Chief Executive Officer (the "CEO") shall from time to time direct. Executive shall perform the duties and carry out the responsibilities assigned to Executive, to the best of Executive's ability, in a trustworthy and businesslike manner for the purpose of advancing the business of the Company and its affiliates. Executive shall engage in travel as reasonably required in the performance of Executive's duties. Executive acknowledges that Executive's duties and responsibilities hereunder will require Executive's full business time and effort and agrees that, during the Employment Period, Executive will not engage in any other business activity or have any business pursuits or interests which materially interfere or conflict with the performance of Executive's duties hereunder; provided that Executive may, with the approval of the CEO or his designee, serve on the board of other corporations or charitable organizations and engage in charitable activities, community affairs, and teaching.

1.2 <u>Employment Period</u>. The employment of Executive under this Agreement shall continue, unless one of the parties shall deliver to the other sixty (60) days' advance written notice of the cessation of Executive's employment (the "**Employment Period**"). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Employment Period is subject to termination pursuant to this **Section 1.2** and **Sections 1.3**, **1.4** and **1.5**.

- 1.3 <u>Termination Upon Death</u>. If Executive dies during the Employment Period, Executive's employment shall automatically terminate on the date of Executive's death.
 - 1.4 Termination by the Company.
- (a) The Company may terminate Executive's employment hereunder upon written notice to Executive as described in **Section 10.5**. Such termination shall be effective upon the date notice of such termination is given pursuant to **Section 10.5** unless such notice shall otherwise provide.
- (b) For purpose of this Agreement, "**Cause**" means the occurrence of any of the following events, as determined in the reasonable good faith judgment of the CEO:
 - (i) the failure of Executive to perform Executive's material duties (unless such failure relates to any disability, sickness or injury of Executive) which failure continues for twenty (20) days after the Company has given written notice to Executive specifying in reasonable detail the manner in which Executive has failed to perform such duties and affording opportunity to cure;
 - (ii) commission by Executive of an act or omission (A) constituting (x) a felony, (y) dishonesty with respect to the Company or (z) fraud, or (B) that (x) could reasonably be expected to adversely and materially affect the Company's business or reputation, or (y) involves moral turpitude;
 - (iii) the breach, non-performance or non-observance of any of the material terms of this Agreement (other than a breach, non-performance or nonobservance described in clause (i) of this **Section 1.4(b)**), or any other agreement to which Executive and the Company are parties, by Executive, if such breach, non-performance or non-observance shall continue beyond a period of twenty (20) days immediately after written notice thereof given by the Company to Executive; or
 - (iv) any breach, non-performance or non-observance of any of **Sections 6.3, 6.4**, or **6.5** of this Agreement; provided that if such conduct occurs while Executive is employed hereunder, the Company shall allow Executive an opportunity for a hearing before Huron's Board of Directors (the "**Board**") prior to any termination of Executive for Cause.
- (c) Executive shall be deemed to have a "**Permanent Disability**" for purposes of this Agreement if Executive is eligible to receive benefits under the Company's long-term disability plan then covering Executive.
- 1.5 Termination by Executive. Except as otherwise provided herein, Executive shall give sixty (60) days' notice to the Company prior to the effectiveness of any resignation of Executive's employment with the Company. Executive's termination of employment shall be deemed to be on account of "Good Reason" if (a)(i) the Company gives notice to Executive that, during the Employment Period, Executive's primary location of employment with the Company will change to a location that is more than fifty (50) miles from Executive's primary location of employment with the Company in Chicago, Illinois, if (ii) Executive gives notice to the Company that the Company has materially failed to comply with any material term of this Agreement, or (iii) the Company materially reduces Executive's base salary or benefits coverage, provided that such reduction is without Executive's consent, is not warranted by the Company's financial condition, and is not a change that applies uniformly to similarly-situated Company executives, (b) the

Company does not rescind (or otherwise cure) such event or condition within the sixty (60) day period following the occurrence of such event or, if applicable, the date of the notice from Executive to the Company, and (c) Executive resigns her employment within thirty (30) days after the end of such sixty (60) day cure period. Any notice from Executive to the Company under Section 1.5(a)(ii) or (iii) shall be provided within thirty (30) days after Executive first has knowledge of the applicable event or condition.

2. <u>Compensation</u>.

- 2.1 <u>Base Salary</u>. As consideration for the services of Executive hereunder, the Company shall pay Executive an annual base salary (the "**Base Salary**"), payable in accordance with the Company's customary payroll practices as in effect from time to time. The CEO shall perform an annual review of Executive's compensation based on Executive's performance of Executive's duties and the Company's other compensation policies, provided that Executive's Base Salary shall not be reduced without Executive's consent unless such reduction is part of a comparable overall reduction for members of senior management. The term Base Salary shall include any changes to the Base Salary from time to time.
- 2.2 <u>Bonus Programs</u>. For each calendar year, Executive shall be eligible for an annual bonus in an amount determined by the Compensation Committee of the Board (the "Compensation Committee") based on Executive's performance of Executive's duties and the Company's other compensation policies (the "**Annual Bonus**"). The actual Annual Bonus paid will be based on Company and Executive performance. Except as otherwise described in this Agreement, Executive's right to any bonus payable pursuant to this **Section 2.2** shall be contingent upon Executive being employed by the Company on the date the Annual Bonus is generally paid to executives of the Company.
- 3. <u>Equity Awards</u>. Executive shall generally be eligible to participate in Huron's equity plans from time to time, with the amount of any equity awards, and the terms and conditions under which they are granted being in the sole discretion of the Compensation Committee based on Executive's performance of Executive's duties and the Company's other compensation policies. Such equity awards shall be subject to the terms of the applicable equity incentive plan of the Company and granting agreement.

4. Benefits and Expenses.

- 4.1 <u>Benefits</u>. During the Employment Period, Executive shall be eligible to participate in the various health and welfare benefit plans maintained by the Company for its similarly-situated key management employees from time to time, including but not limited to paid vacation, medical and dental insurance, and disability and life insurance at levels as are provided from time to time to similarly-situated executives of the Company.
- 4.2 <u>Business Expenses</u>. During the Employment Period, the Company shall reimburse Executive for all ordinary, necessary and reasonable travel and other business expenses incurred by Executive in connection with the performance of Executive's duties hereunder, in accordance with the Company policy. Such reimbursement shall be made upon presentation of itemized expense statements and such other supporting documentation as the Company may reasonably require. To the extent that any such reimbursements are taxable to Executive ("Taxable Reimbursements"), such reimbursements shall be paid to Executive only if (a) the expenses are incurred and reimbursable pursuant to a reimbursement plan that provides an objectively determinable nondiscretionary definition of the expenses that are eligible for reimbursement and (b) the expenses are incurred during the Employment Period. With respect to any Taxable Reimbursements, the amount of the expenses that are eligible for reimbursement during one calendar year may not affect the amount of reimbursements to be provided in any subsequent calendar year, the

reimbursement of an eligible expense shall be made on or before the last day of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the expense was incurred, and the right to reimbursement of the expenses shall not be subject to liquidation or exchange for any other benefit.

5. <u>Compensation After Termination</u>.

5.1 <u>Termination For Cause; Resignation Without Good Reason</u>. If,Executive's employment is terminated by the Company for Cause or if Executive resigns her employment other than for Good Reason during the Employment Period then, except as required by law, the Company shall have no further obligations to Executive (except payment of the Base Salary accrued through the date of said termination), and the Company shall continue to have all other rights available hereunder (including, without limitation, all rights under the Restrictive Covenants at law or in equity).

5.2 <u>Termination Without Cause; Resignation For Good Reason.</u>

- (a) If, Executive's employment is terminated by the Company without Cause or Executive resigns for Good Reason, then, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Executive shall be entitled to receive the following amounts and benefits:
 - (i) an amount in cash equal to one (1) times the sum of Executive's annual Base Salary and Target Bonus for the year of termination or resignation ("Severance Pay") payable to Executive in one lump sum within sixty (60) days following Executive's termination of employment.
 - (ii) Continuation of medical benefits for twelve (12) months upon the same terms as exist from time to time for active similarly-situated executives of the Company, which benefits shall be considered part of, and not in addition to, any coverage required under COBRA; and
 - (iii) An amount in cash equal to the Annual Bonus that Executive would have earned for the year of termination or resignation had she remained employed for the year in which her termination or resignation occurs based on satisfaction of Company performance targets, multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of completed days of employment by Executive (including the date of termination or resignation) during the year of termination or resignation and the denominator of which is 365, which amount will be paid to Executive at the same time that the annual bonus is otherwise payable to the Company's executives in accordance with the annual bonus plan.
- (b) The Company shall have no other obligations under this Agreement or otherwise for periods from and after Executive's employment termination date (except payment of the Base Salary accrued through the date of said termination), and the Company shall continue to have all other rights available hereunder (including, without limitation, all rights under the Restrictive Covenants at law or in equity).
- 5.3 <u>Termination Due To Death, Permanent Disability</u>. If Executive's employment is terminated due to Executive's Permanent Disability or if Executive dies during the Employment Period, then subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, (a) Executive or Executive's estate, as the case may be, shall be entitled to receive, in addition to any amounts Executive may be entitled to receive under the Company's long-term disability plan or other benefit plans, payment of Base Salary through the date of

termination, and (b) Executive and/or Executive's eligible dependents shall receive continuation of medical benefits upon the same terms as exist immediately prior to the termination of employment for similarly-situated active executives of the Company for the six (6)-month period immediately following the termination of employment (which benefits shall be considered part of, and not in addition to, any coverage required under COBRA). Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Executive or Executive's estate shall also be entitled to receive the following amounts and benefits:

- (a) An amount in cash equal to the then-prevailing target amount of Executive's Annual Bonus ("**Target Bonus**") for the year of death or disability multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of completed days of employment by Executive (including the date of termination or resignation) during the year of termination or resignation and the denominator of which is 365, which amount will be paid to Executive or Executive's estate at the same time that the annual bonus is otherwise payable to the Company's executives in accordance with the annual bonus plan.
- (b) Full vesting of any outstanding time-based equity awards granted to Executive, notwithstanding anything to the contrary that may be delineated in any equity plan or equity award agreement. Performance-based equity will be treated in accordance with the applicable performance share equity agreement then in effect.

The Company shall have no other obligations under this Section 5.3 or otherwise with respect to Executive's employment from and after the termination date, and the Company shall continue to have all other rights available hereunder (including, without limitation, all rights under the Restrictive Covenants at law or in equity).

5.4 This Section Intentionally Left Blank

5.5 <u>Change of Control</u>.

- (a) The provisions of **Sections 5.2** and **5.3** hereof to the contrary notwithstanding but subject to the other terms and conditions of this Agreement, if (i) Executive is terminated by the Company without Cause or Executive resigns her employment for CoC Good Reason (defined below) in either case during the period commencing on a Change of Control (defined below) and ending on the second anniversary of the Change of Control (such two year period being the "**Protection Period**" hereunder), or (ii) Executive reasonably demonstrates that the Company's termination of Executive's employment (or an event which, had it occurred following a Change of Control, would have constituted CoC Good Reason) prior to a Change of Control was attributable to or intended to facilitate a Change of Control or was at the request of or instigation of a third party who was taking steps reasonably calculated to effect a Change of Control (or otherwise in contemplation of a Change of Control) and a Change of Control actually occurs within twelve (12) months of such termination or resignation of Executive (a "**Qualifying Termination**"), then, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Executive shall be entitled to receive the following payments and benefits:
 - (i) an amount in cash equal to one and one-half (1.5) times the sum of Executive's annual Base Salary and Target Bonus for the year of termination or resignation;
 - (ii) an amount in cash equal to the then-prevailing target amount of Executive's Annual Bonus ("**Target Bonus**") for the year of termination or resignation multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of completed days of employment by Executive (including the date of termination or resignation) during the year of termination or resignation and the denominator of which is 365, which amount will be paid to Executive at the same

time that the annual bonus is otherwise payable to the Company's executives in accordance with the annual bonus plan;

- (iii) anything set forth in any equity plan, equity award or any other provision of this Agreement between the Company and Executive to the contrary notwithstanding, all of Executive's outstanding equity grants that were awarded at or prior to the time of the Change of Control shall fully vest upon the occurrence of a Qualifying Termination; and
- (iv) continuation of medical benefits eighteen (18) months from the date of such termination or resignation upon the same terms as exist for Executive immediately prior to the termination or resignation date (which benefits shall be considered part of, and not in addition to, any coverage required under COBRA).

Following any termination or resignation of Executive's employment pursuant to this Section 5.5, the Company shall continue to have all other rights available hereunder (including, without limitation, all rights under the Restrictive Covenants and any restrictive covenants set forth in any plan, award and agreement applicable to Executive, at law or in equity). Subject to Executive's execution of the Release described in Section 5.6, the payments described in clauses (i) and (ii) ("Change of Control Severance Pay") shall be paid in a lump sum within sixty (60) days following Executive's termination or resignation of employment (or, in the case of a Qualifying Termination that occurs prior to the Change of Control, within sixty (60) days following the Change of Control). If the Qualifying Termination occurs prior to a Change of Control, in addition to the benefits described in clause (iv) of this **Section 5.5(a)**, Executive shall be paid a lump sum cash payment equal to the difference between (I) the applicable premium paid by Executive for continuation of medical benefits under COBRA from the date of the Qualifying Termination through the date of the Change of Control (the "Pre-CoC **Coverage Period**") and (II) the amount of the applicable premium that would have been paid by Executive for continuation of medical benefits during the Pre-CoC Coverage Period had the provisions of Section 5.5(a)(iv) been given effect from the date of the Qualifying Termination, which payment shall be made in a lump sum within sixty (60) days following the Change of Control. If (and to the extent) that the benefits provided pursuant to **Section 5.5(a)(iv)** are taxable to Executive and are subject to Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), the amount of the expenses that are eligible for reimbursement during one calendar year may not affect the amount of reimbursements to be provided in any subsequent calendar year, the reimbursement of an eligible expense shall be made on or before the last day of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the expense was incurred, and the right to reimbursement of the expenses shall not be subject to liquidation or exchange for any other benefit.

- (b) Payments and benefits under **Section 5.5(a)** shall not be subject to mitigation or offset, except that medical benefits may be offset by comparable benefits obtained by Executive in connection with subsequent employment. Nothing in this **Section 5.5** is intended to result in duplication of benefits provided by other provisions of this Agreement.
- (c) The Change of Control Severance Pay shall be in lieu of the Severance Pay otherwise for a termination under **Section 5.2** of this Agreement and any other plan or agreement of the Company, whether adopted before or after the date hereof, which provides severance payments or benefits. For the avoidance of doubt, Executive shall not be entitled to payments and benefits under both this **Section 5.5** and any other provision of this **Section 5** as the result of her termination of employment.

(d) If it is determined that any amount, right or benefit paid or payable (or otherwise provided or to be provided) to Executive by the Company or any of its affiliates under this Agreement or any other plan, program or arrangement under which Executive participates or is a party (collectively, the "**Payments**"), would constitute an "excess parachute payment" within the meaning of Section 280G of the Code, subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code, as amended from time to time (the "**Excise Tax**"), then the amount of the Payments payable to Executive under this Agreement shall be reduced (a "**Reduction**") to the extent necessary so that no portion of such Payments payable to Executive is subject to the Excise Tax.

All determinations required to be made under this **Section 5.5(d)** and the assumptions to be utilized in arriving at such determination, shall be made by an independent, nationally recognized accounting firm mutually acceptable to the Company and Executive (the "**Auditor**"); provided that in the event a Reduction is required, Executive may determine which Payments shall be reduced in order to comply with the provisions of **Section 5.5(-d)**; provided, however, that Executive may not determine such order with respect to any payments that are subject to Section 409A of the Code. The Auditor shall promptly provide detailed supporting calculations to both the Company and Executive following any determination that a Reduction is necessary. All fees and expenses of the Auditor shall be paid by the Company. All determinations made by the Auditor shall be binding upon the Company and Executive.

- (e) For purposes of this Agreement, the term "Change of Control" shall be deemed to have occurred upon the first to occur of the following events:
 - (i) any Person becomes the Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of common stock or voting securities of Huron (not including in the amounts beneficially owned by such Person any common stock or voting securities acquired directly from Huron or its Affiliates) representing 40% or more of the combined voting power of Huron's then outstanding securities; or
 - (ii) there is consummated a merger or consolidation of Huron or any direct or indirect subsidiary of Huron with any Person, other than (A) a merger or consolidation which would result in the voting securities of Huron outstanding immediately prior to such merger or consolidation continuing to represent (either by remaining outstanding or by being converted into voting securities of the surviving entity or any parent thereof) at least 50% of the combined voting power of the securities of Huron or such surviving entity or any parent thereof outstanding immediately after such merger or consolidation, (B) a merger or consolidation effected to implement a recapitalization of Huron (or similar transaction) after which no Person other than existing security holders is or becomes the Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of securities of Huron (not including in the amount Beneficially Owned by such Person any common stock or voting securities acquired directly from Huron or its Affiliates) representing 50% or more of the combined voting power of Huron's then outstanding securities, or (C) a merger or consolidation of a subsidiary of Huron that does not represent a sale of all or substantially all of the assets of Huron; or
 - (iii) the shareholders of Huron approve a plan of complete liquidation or dissolution of Huron (except for a plan of liquidation or dissolution effected to implement a recapitalization of Huron addressed in (ii) above); or

(iv) there is consummated an agreement for the sale or disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of Huron to a Person, other than a sale or disposition by Huron of all or substantially all of the assets of Huron to an entity at least 50% of the combined voting power of the voting securities of which are owned by shareholders of Huron.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a "**Change of Control**" shall not be deemed to have occurred by virtue of the consummation of any transaction or series of integrated transactions immediately following which the record holders of the common stock of Huron immediately prior to such transaction or series of transactions continue to have substantially the same proportionate ownership in an entity which owns all or substantially all of the assets of Huron immediately following such transaction or series of transactions.

For purposes of this Change of Control definition, (I) "Beneficial Owner" shall have the meaning set forth in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act, (II) "Exchange Act" shall mean the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time, (III) "Person" shall have the meaning given in Section 3(a)(9) of the Exchange Act, as modified and used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) thereof, except that such term shall not include (w) Huron or any of Huron's direct or indirect subsidiaries, (x) a trustee or other fiduciary holding securities under an employee benefit plan of Huron or any of its Affiliates, (y) an underwriter temporarily holding securities pursuant to an offering of such securities, or (z) a corporation owned, directly or indirectly, by the stockholders of Huron in substantially the same proportions as their ownership of stock of Huron and (IV) "Affiliate" shall have the meaning set forth in Rule 12b-2 promulgated under Section 12 of the Exchange Act.

- (f) For purposes of this **Section 5.5** (and distinguished from "Good Reason" provided under certain other circumstances under this Agreement), the term "**CoC Good Reason**" means the occurrence of any of the following within the twenty-four (24) month period following a Change of Control (or prior to a Change of Control in connection with a Qualifying Termination) without the express written consent of Executive:
 - (i) any material breach by the Company of this Agreement;
 - (ii) any material adverse change in the status, responsibilities or position of Executive;
 - (iii) any material reduction in Base Salary or Target Bonus, other than in connection with an across-the-board reduction in Base Salaries applicable in like proportions to all similarly-situated executives of the Company and any direct or indirect parent of the Company;
 - (iv) assignment of duties to Executive that are materially inconsistent with Executive's position and responsibilities described in this Agreement; and
 - (v) requiring Executive to be principally based at any office or location more than fifty (50) miles from the current offices of the Company in Chicago, IL.

The foregoing to the contrary notwithstanding, if Huron is acquired as a subsidiary or division of a reporting company pursuant to Section 13 and Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the fact that Executive is not named as General Counsel of the reporting company following the Change of Control shall not constitute CoC Good Reason.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this paragraph (f), Executive's termination of employment shall be considered to be on account of CoC Good Reason only if (A) an event or

condition occurs which satisfies the foregoing provisions of this **Section 5.5(f)**, (B) Executive provides the Company with written notice pursuant to **Section 10.5** that she intends to resign for CoC Good Reason and such written notice includes (I) a designation of at least one of **Section 5.5(f)(i)-(v)** (the "**Designated Sections**") which Executive believes is the basis for CoC Good Reason and (II) specifically describes the events or conditions Executive is relying upon to satisfy the requirements of the Designated Sections, (C) as of the thirtieth (30th) day following the Company's receipt of such notice from Executive, such events or conditions have not been corrected in all material respects, and (D) Executive resigns her employment within sixty (60) days after the date on which Executive first has actual knowledge of the occurrence of the events or conditions upon which Executive relies upon to satisfy any of the Designated Sections.

General Release. Executive acknowledges and agrees that Executive's right to receive severance pay and other 5.6 benefits (including post-termination equity vesting) pursuant to Section 5.2 and 5.5 of this Agreement (collectively, the "Severance Benefits") is contingent upon Executive's compliance with the covenants, representations, warranties and agreements set forth in Section 6 of this Agreement and, except for those payments and benefits required to be made or provided by law or pursuant to the express terms of a benefit plan (and other than those benefits to be provided upon death), such Severance Benefits shall be conditioned upon Executive's execution and acceptance of the terms and conditions of, and the effectiveness of, a general release in the standard form used by the Company at the time of Executive's termination of employment. (the "Release"); provided, however, that such Release shall not require Executive to relinquish any rights or claims that (a) arise after her execution of the Release, (b) relate to indemnification or liability insurance pursuant to the Company's insurance plans, bylaws or applicable law, or (c) cannot be waived by law. If Executive fails to comply with the covenants set forth in **Section 6** or if Executive fails to execute the Release or revokes the Release during the seven (7)-day period following her execution of the Release, then Executive shall not be entitled to any Severance Benefits. The Company shall provide Executive with the Release within five (5) days following her termination of employment (or, in the case of any benefits relating to a Qualifying Termination occurring prior to a Change of Control, within five (5) days following the Change of Control). Executive shall be entitled to any such Severance Benefits only if the Release has been executed, is effective and the applicable revocation period has expired no later than the date as of which such Severance Benefits are to be paid (or provided) pursuant to this Agreement and if such requirements are not satisfied, Executive shall not be entitled to any such Severance Benefits.

6. Restrictive Covenants and Agreements.

- 6.1 <u>Executive's Acknowledgment</u>. Executive agrees and acknowledges that in order to assure the Company that it will retain its value and that of the Business as a going concern, it is necessary that Executive not utilize special knowledge of the Business and its relationships with customers to compete with the Company. Executive further acknowledges that:
 - (a) the Company is and will be engaged in the Business during the Employment Period and thereafter;
 - (b) Executive will occupy a position of trust and confidence with the Company, and during the Employment Period, Executive will become familiar with the Company's trade secrets and with other proprietary and Confidential Information concerning the Company and the Business;
 - (c) the agreements and covenants contained in this **Section 6** and **Sections 7, 8** and **9** are essential to protect the Company and the confidentiality of its Confidential Information (defined below) and near permanent client relationships as well as goodwill of the Business and compliance

with such agreements and covenants will not impair Executive's ability to procure subsequent and comparable employment; and

- (d) Executive's employment with the Company has special, unique and extraordinary value to the Company and the Company would be irreparably damaged if Executive were to provide services to any person or entity in violation of the provisions of this Agreement.
- 6.2 <u>Confidential Information</u>. As used in this **Section 6, "Confidential Information"** shall mean the Company's trade secrets and other non-public information relating to the Company or the Business, including, without limitation, information relating to financial statements, customer identities, potential customers, employees, suppliers, acquisition targets, servicing methods, equipment, programs, strategies and information, analyses, marketing plans and strategies, profit margins and other information developed or used by the Company in connection with the Business that is not known generally to the public or the industry and that gives the Company an advantage in the marketplace. Confidential Information shall not include any information that is in the public domain or becomes known in the public domain through no wrongful act on the part of Executive. Executive agrees to deliver to the Company at the termination of Executive's employment, or at any other time the Company may request, all memoranda, notes, plans, records, reports and other documents (and copies thereof) relating to the Business or the Company or other forms of Confidential Information which Executive may then possess or have under Executive's control.
- 6.3 <u>Non-Disclosure</u>. Executive agrees that during employment with the Company and thereafter, Executive shall not reveal to any competitor or other person or entity (other than current employees of the Company) any Confidential Information regarding Clients (as defined herein) that Executive obtains while performing services for the Company. Executive further agrees that Executive will not use or disclose any Confidential Information of the Company, other than in connection with Executive's work for the Company, until such information becomes generally known in the industry through no fault of Executive.

Nothing in this Agreement prohibits Executive from reporting an event that Executive reasonably and in good faith believes is a violation of law to the relevant law-enforcement agency (such as the Securities and Exchange Commission, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, or Department of Labor), or from cooperating in an investigation conducted by such a government agency. Executive is hereby provided notice that under the 2016 Defend Trade Secrets Act (DTSA): (1) no individual will be held criminally or civilly liable under federal or state trade secret law for the disclosure of a trade secret (as defined in the Economic Espionage Act) that: (A) is made in confidence to a federal, state, or local government official, either directly or indirectly, or to an attorney; and made solely for the purpose of reporting or investigating a suspected violation of law; or, (B) is made in a complaint or other document filed in a lawsuit or other proceeding, if such filing is made under seal so that it is not made public; and, (2) an individual who pursues a lawsuit for retaliation by an employer for reporting a suspected violation of the law may disclose the trade secret to the attorney of the individual and use the trade secret information in the court proceeding, if the individual files any document containing the trade secret under seal, and does not disclose the trade secret, except as permitted by court order

6.4 <u>Non-Solicitation of Clients</u>. Executive acknowledges that Executive will learn and develop Confidential Information relating to the Company's Clients and relating to the Company's servicing of those Clients. Executive recognizes that the Company's relationships with its Clients are extremely valuable to it and that the protection of the Company's relationships with its Clients is essential.

Accordingly, and in consideration of the Company's employment of Executive and the various benefits and payments provided in conjunction therewith, Executive agrees that during the Employment Period and

for the longer period ("Restricted Period") thereafter of (i) the period for which Executive is entitled to receive severance payments under Section 5.2(a)(i) or, if applicable, Section 5.5(a)(ii), or (ii) twelve (12) months following termination of Executive's employment with the Company for any reason, Executive will not, whether or not Executive is then self-employed or employed by another, directly or through another, provide services that are the same or similar to those services offered for sale and/or under any stage of development by the Company at the time of Executive's termination, to any Client of the Company whom Executive:

- (a) obtained as a Client for the Company; or
- (b) consulted with, provided services for, or supervised the provision of services for during the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding termination of Executive's employment; or
- (c) submitted or assisted in the submission of a proposal for the provision of services during the six (6) month period immediately preceding termination of Executive's employment.

"Client" shall mean those persons or firms for whom the Company has either directly or indirectly provided services within the twenty-four (24)-month period immediately preceding termination of Executive's employment and therefore includes both the referral source or entity that consults with the Company and the entity to which the consultation related. "Client" also includes those persons or firms to whom Executive has submitted a proposal (or assisted in the submission of a proposal) to perform services during the six (6) month period immediately preceding termination of Executive's employment. For the avoidance of doubt, for purposes of determining the Restricted Period, the period for which Executive is entitled to receive severance payments shall be determined based on the period of Base Salary that is to be paid to Executive as severance payments, regardless of the period over which the severance pay is actually paid.

- 6.5 <u>Non-Interference with Relationships</u>. Executive shall not at any time during the Restricted Period directly or indirectly solicit, induce or encourage (a) any executive or employee or other personnel (including contractors) of the Company, or (b) any customer, Client, supplier, lender, professional advisor or other business relation of the Company to leave, alter or cease his/her/its relationship with the Company, for any reason whatsoever. Executive shall not hire or assist in the hiring of any executive or employee or other personnel (including contractors) of the Company for that same time period, whether or not Executive is then self-employed or employed by another business. Executive shall not at any time directly or indirectly make disparaging remarks about the Company.
- 6.6 <u>Modification</u>. If any court of competent jurisdiction shall at any time deem that the term of any Restrictive Covenant is too lengthy, or the scope or subject matter of any Restrictive Covenant exceeds the limitations imposed by applicable law, the parties agree that provisions of **Sections 6.3, 6.4** and **6.5** shall be amended to the minimum extent necessary such that the provision is enforceable or permissible by such applicable law and be enforced as amended.
- 6.7 <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. Executive has made full disclosure to the Company concerning the existence of, and delivered copies of any documents relating to, any contractual arrangement (including, but not limited to, any non-compete or non-solicitation agreement) that Executive has with any current or former employer which agreement purports to be in effect as of the Effective Date or the dates of Executive's intended employment with the Company (other than the Prior Agreement). Executive represents, warrants and covenants to the Company that (a) Executive is not a party to or bound by any employment

agreement, non-compete, non-solicitation (of customers or employees), non-disturbance (of customers, employees or vendors), or confidentiality agreement with any previous employer or any other person or entity that would be violated by Executive's acceptance of this position or which would interfere in any material respect with the performance of Executive's duties with the Company, (b) that Executive will not use any confidential information or trade secrets of any person or party other than the Company in connection with the performance of Executive's duties with the Company, (c) that Executive will not at any time breach (or threaten to breach) any such agreement with any such previous employer or any other person or entity during Executive's employment with the Company and (d) Executive shall not at any time enter into any modification of any forgoing such agreement or any new agreement with, waive any rights of Executive under any agreement with, or acknowledge any amounts due from Executive to, Executive's previous employer without first obtaining the prior written consent of the Company in its sole discretion. Executive shall hereafter immediately disclose to the Company any knowledge of Executive of a possible or potential violation of any forgoing such agreement occurring at any time.

- 7. Ownership of Intellectual Property. All intellectual property, ideas, inventions, writings, software, and Confidential Information created or conceived by Executive alone or with others while employed with the Company that relate to the Company's business or clients or work assigned to Executive by the Company (collectively, "Materials") constitute "work made for hire" and are the exclusive property of the Company. If for any reason any Materials cannot legally constitute a "work made for hire," then this Agreement shall operate as an irrevocable assignment and agreement to assign to the Company all right, title and interest in such Materials. Executive will promptly disclose to the Company in writing all Materials developed during her employment with the Company, and Executive will execute such documents as may be necessary to evidence her assignment(s) of all right, title and interest in Materials to the Company. If Executive claims ownership in any intellectual property, ideas or inventions that predate her employment with the Company, then Executive will disclose such claims in writing to the Company's Human Resources Department before commencing any work for the Company.
- 8. <u>Effect on Termination</u>. If, for any reason, this Agreement shall terminate or Executive's employment with the Company shall terminate, then, notwithstanding such termination, those provisions contained in this **Section 8** and **Sections 6**, **7**, **9** and **10** hereof shall survive and thereafter remain in full force and effect.

9. Remedies.

- 9.1 Non-Exclusive Remedy for Restrictive Covenants. Executive acknowledges and agrees that the covenants set forth in Sections 6.3, 6.4, and 6.5 of this Agreement (collectively, the "Restrictive Covenants") are reasonable and necessary for the protection of the Company's business interests, that irreparable injury will result to the Company if Executive breaches any of the terms of the Restrictive Covenants, and that in the event of Executive's actual or threatened breach of any such Restrictive Covenants, the Company will have no adequate remedy at law. Executive accordingly agrees that in the event of any actual or threatened breach by Executive of any of the Restrictive Covenants, the Company shall be entitled to immediate temporary injunctive and other equitable relief, without the necessity of showing actual monetary damages or the posting of bond. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as prohibiting the Company from pursuing any other remedies available to it for such breach or threatened breach, including the recovery of damages.
- 9.2 <u>Arbitration</u>. Except as set forth in **Section 9.1**, any controversy or claim arising out of or related to (i) this Agreement, (ii) the breach thereof, (iii) Executive's employment with the Company or the termination of such employment, or (iv) Employment Discrimination, shall be settled by arbitration

in Chicago, Illinois before a single arbitrator administered by the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") under its National Rules for the Resolution of Employment Disputes, amended and restated effective as of January 1, 2004 (the "Employment Rules"), and judgment on the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Rule R-34 of the AAA's Commercial Arbitration Rules amended and restated effective as of September 1, 2007 (instead of Rule 27 of the Employment Rules) shall apply to interim measures. References herein to any arbitration rule(s) shall be construed as referring to such rule(s) as amended or renumbered from time to time and to any successor rules. References to the AAA include any successor organization. "Employment Discrimination" means any discrimination against or harassment of Executive in connection with Executive's employment with the Company or the termination of such employment, including any discrimination or harassment prohibited under federal, state or local statute or other applicable law, including the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disability Act, or any similar federal, state or local statute.

10. Miscellaneous.

- Assignment. Executive may not assign any of Executive's rights or obligations hereunder without the written consent of the Company. The Company may assign this Agreement without the consent of Executive. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, all covenants and agreements contained in this Agreement by or on behalf of any of the parties hereto shall bind and inure to the benefit of the respective successors and assigns of the parties hereto whether so expressed or not. In connection with a Change of Control, the Company shall cause a successor to the Company to explicitly assume and agree to be bound by this Agreement and any such successor shall explicitly assume and agree to be bound by this Agreement.
- 10.2 <u>Severability</u>. Whenever possible, each provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision of this Agreement is held to be prohibited by or invalid under applicable law, such provision shall be ineffective only to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity and without invalidating the remainder of this Agreement.
- 10.3 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same Agreement.
- 10.4 <u>Descriptive Headings; Interpretation</u>. The descriptive headings in this Agreement are inserted for convenience of reference only and are not intended to be part of or to affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement. The use of the word "**including**" in this Agreement shall be by way of example rather than by limitation.
- Notices. All notices, demands or other communications to be given under or by reason of the provisions of this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if (a) delivered personally to the recipient, (b) sent to the recipient by reputable express courier service (charges prepaid) or mailed to the recipient by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested and postage prepaid, or (c) transmitted by electronic mail or telecopy to the recipient. Such notices, demands and other communications shall be sent to the addresses indicated below:

To the Company: Huron Consulting Group Inc. 550 West Van Buren Street Chicago, IL 60607

Attention: Patricia Olsen Facsimile: (312) 583-8701

To Executive: Diane E. Ratekin

or to such other address or to the attention of such other person as the recipient party shall have specified by prior written notice to the sending party. The date in which such notice shall be deemed given shall be (w) the date of receipt if personally delivered, (x) three (3) business days after the date of mailing if sent by certified or registered mail, (y) one business day after the date of delivery to the overnight courier if sent by overnight courier or (z) the next business day after the date of transmittal by telecopy.

- 10.6 <u>Preamble; Preliminary Recitals</u>. The Preliminary Recitals set forth in the Preamble hereto are hereby incorporated and made part of this Agreement.
- 10.7 <u>Taxes</u>. All compensation payable to Executive from the Company shall be subject to all applicable withholding taxes, normal payroll withholding and any other amounts required by law to be withheld.
- 10.8 <u>Entire Agreement</u>. Except as otherwise expressly set forth herein, this Agreement sets forth the entire understanding of the parties, and supersedes and preempts all prior oral or written understandings and agreements with respect to the subject matter hereof, including the Prior Agreement, as amended.
- 10.9 <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, and all questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by, the laws of the State of Illinois without giving effect to provisions thereof regarding conflict of laws.
- 10.10 <u>No Strict Construction</u>. The language used in this Agreement will be deemed to be the language chosen by the parties hereto to express their mutual intent, and no rule of strict construction will be applied against any party hereto.
- 10.11 <u>Amendment and Waivers</u>. Any provisions of this Agreement may be amended or waived only with the prior written consent of the Company and Executive.
- Additional Section 409A Provisions. Notwithstanding any provision contained in this Agreement to the contrary, if (a) any payment hereunder is subject to Section 409A of the Code, (b) such payment is to be paid on account of Executive's separation from service (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code) and (c) Executive is a "specified employee" (within the meaning of Section 409A(a)(2)(B) of the Code), then such payment shall be delayed, if necessary, until the first day of the seventh month following Executive's separation from service (or, if later, the date on which such payment is otherwise to be paid under this Agreement). With respect to any payments hereunder that are subject to Section 409A of the Code and that are payable on account of a separation from service, the determination of whether Executive has had a separation from service shall be determined in accordance with Section 409A of the Code. It is the intention of both the Company and Executive that the benefits and rights to which Executive could be entitled in connection with termination of employment comply with Section 409A of the Code and the Treasury Regulations and other guidance promulgated or issued thereunder, and the provisions of this Agreement shall be construed in a manner consistent with that intention. If Executive or the Company believes, at any time, that any such benefit or right does not so comply, it shall promptly advise the other and shall negotiate

reasonably and in good faith to amend the terms of such benefits and rights such that they comply with Section 409A of the Code (with the most limited possible economic effect on Executive and on the Company). Neither the Company nor Executive, individually or in combination, may accelerate any payment or benefit that is subject to Section 409A of the Code, except in compliance with Section 409A and the provisions of this Agreement, and no amount that is subject to Section 409A shall be paid prior to the earliest date on which it may be paid without violating Section 409A.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the dates written below.

COMPANY:

HURON CONSULTING GROUP INC.

By: /s/ James H. Roth

Its: CEO

Date: January 5, 2017

Diane E. Ratekin

/s/ Diane E. Ratekin

Diane E. Ratekin

(print name)

January 5, 2017

Date