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Areas of Practice

Chris Heaton is BakerRisk’s CEO, working out of the San Antonio headquarters office. He is globally recognized as a leader in operational excellence and management of risk engineering and management services. Chris’ 28 years of client advocacy has spanned multiple industry sectors including energy, consumer products, healthcare, higher education, chemical/flammable liquids operations, developers, public/government entities, and manufacturing & assembly.

His work at BakerRisk is focused on the following areas:

- Leading BakerRisk global operations.
- Pursuing operational excellence.
- Developing and Implementing strategic initiatives to achieve company growth.

Chris is strongly focused on client relations with a goal for continuous improvement in service areas that will benefit our clients and help them achieve reduction in total risk. His experience includes:

- Development of new client-facing technology tools and value-added services to ensure client satisfaction.
- Creation of Industry Focus groups with a mission of adding value to key industry sectors.

His wide range of experience in risk engineering / risk management encompasses property loss control, fire protection, safety engineering, code/life safety consulting, risk analysis, and forensics/incident investigations.

- Performed studies relating to property/equipment risk engineering, infrared thermography, pressure vessel inspections, natural hazard engineering, business continuity planning, arc flash hazard analysis, process safety, client training.
- Coordinated natural catastrophe loss investigations, and pre-event loss prevention and safety planning activities.
- Prepared damage estimates associated with hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes, floods, and collapse.

Professional Chronology

Draftsman, Heaton & Associate Architects, 1988-1991; Research Assistant, Texas Tech University, 1989-1991; Loss Prevention Specialist, FM Global, 1992-1996; Account Manager, Royal and SunAlliance, 1996-1998; Sr. Consultant/Account Engineer, Winterthur International (via 50/50 contract with GRC), 1998-2001; Account Engineer/Regional Manager/Account Manager/Sales, Global Risk Consultants, 1998-2011; President, Global Risk Consultants, 2011-2018; Director, Jensen Hughes Engineering, 2018-2020; Chief Executive Officer, Baker Engineering and Risk Consultants, Inc., June 2020 – present.

Professional Memberships/Affiliations

National Fire Protection Association	Society of Fire Protection Engineers
Risk and Insurance Management Society	National Wind Institute
Sandler Sales Training	“Fit4Digital” Program
“Leadership and Innovation” workshops	