

# Standard No. 230

## ADVISORY REPORTS

### File Documentation Standards and Recommendations

1. An Advisory Report is defined as “any written communication containing (a) a conclusion as to the value of shares, assets, an interest in a business or a conclusion as to the quantum of financial gain/loss or any conclusion of a financial nature in the context of litigation or a dispute, or (b) comments on a report containing a conclusion on such matters, prepared by a Valuator/Expert who has not been engaged to act independently.” An Advisory Report does not include work product that is in the process of being completed that is provided to a client or knowledgeable third party in circumstances where each of the following conditions are met: (i) the work product is clearly marked as being in draft form and subject to change; (ii) the work product is issued for the purpose of obtaining comment, instruction, confirmation or other information required to complete the Advisory Report; (iii) the Valuator/Expert knows, or reasonably ought to know, that the intended reader(s) does not intend to rely on the work product or distribute the work product to a third party who may in turn rely on such work product; and (iv) the Valuator/Expert has a reasonable expectation at the time the work product is provided that an Advisory Report will be completed and issued in due course.
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