

From the Editor

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Welcome to Volume 4, Issue 1, of the *Journal of Practical Consulting*. I'm excited to present the first articles in the revitalized journal. This issue presents two refereed articles, the first is directed to organizations exploring the question of how businesses and organizations can define and attain value and ROI from leadership coaching. The second presents an argument and recommendations for the consultant's role in private equity firms and their management.

The special section features articles from the recent Leadership Roundtable focused on Coaching. Those accepted as presenters were invited to prepare articles for this Issue of the JPC. These articles cover ground from the description of coaching and why coaching, to its application through the use of organizational cultural assessment tools. Please note: a few presenters are not participating.

I suppose you are asking yourself something like "coaching, I thought this journal was about consulting?" Yes, articles about coaching in the Journal of Practical Consulting. There is an emergent partnership rising between those who consult and advise with those who coach others to optimize their performance. There is evidence that both are needed for organizational success. I hope you find these articles stimulating and practical.