

# Bill Treasurer

Bill Treasurer is founder and Chief Encourager at Giant Leap Consulting (GLC), a *Courage Building* company that exists to help people and organizations live more courageously.

Bill is the author of *Right Risk* (Berrett-Koehler, 2003), a book about personal courage that is based on Treasurer's experiences as both an organizational development professional and as a daredevil athlete. The book, which has been published in four languages, received book jacket endorsements from management gurus Dr. Stephen Covey and Ken Blanchard. It currently holds a 4.5 star rating (out of 5) on Amazon.com.

Bill Treasurer is also the editor of *POSITIVELY M.A.D. (Making A Difference)* (2004). The book is a compilation of stories, from world-renowned experts, that aims to inspire readers to *make a difference* in their organizations. Gannett newspapers calls it "required reading for all employees contemplating putting a co-worker's tie through the shredder -- with the co-worker still attached."

Bill's insights have been featured in over 100 newspapers, including *The Washington Post*, *The NY Daily News*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, *Boston Herald*, and *Investor's Business Daily*. Bill's insights have also appeared in such magazines as *Woman's Day*, *Business-to-Business*, *Redbook*, *Fitness*, and *The Harvard Management Update*.

Prior to founding GLC, Bill was an executive in Accenture's change management practice, where he became the \$13 billion dollar company's first fulltime internal executive coach, where he coached Accenture partners and associate partners.

Bill is a former member of the U.S. High Diving Team. For seven years he traveled throughout the world performing with a team of high performing athletes. During that time, Bill did over 1500 high dives from heights that scaled to over 100 feet.

Since 1991 Bill has conducted over 500 corporate workshops designed to strengthen people's leadership skills, improve team performance, accelerate innovation, and help executives behave more courageously. Among his marquee clients are *Accenture*, *CNN*, *Earthlink*, *Equity Office Properties*, *Starbuck's*, *GM*, *GE*, *Merial*, *Credit Suisse First Boston*, *Spanx*, the *Drug Enforcement Administration* (DEA), and the *U.S. Veteran's Administration*.

Bill holds an MS degree in Administrative Science from the University of Wisconsin, and his 4.0 average resulted in his being a member of the National Deans List. He attended West Virginia University on a full athletic scholarship for springboard diving.

Bill lives in Asheville, North Carolina with his wife Shannon, and their three-year-old twins, Bina and Alex. Their third child, Ian, was born September 2006. These days Bill does a lot less whitewater kayaking, and a lot more diaper-changing.

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