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Consulting Revenue Forecasting & Pipeline Management Playbook

Turning pipeline data into a revenue forecast finance and leadership can actually plan against

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Overview

A framework for translating operational pipeline data into a probability-weighted revenue forecast suitable for financial planning — distinct from the operational pipeline management discipline that manages the funnel itself day to day.

How is this different from the Consulting Pipeline & Forecast

Management Playbook? That playbook manages the operational pipeline funnel day to day — lead sourcing, stage conversion, bottleneck diagnosis. This one is the financial forecasting methodology that translates pipeline data into a probability-weighted revenue projection suitable for budgeting, planning, and reporting to leadership or investors.

Why not just forecast revenue based on total pipeline value?

Because pipeline value at face value significantly overstates likely revenue — not every opportunity converts, and treating the full pipeline as forecast revenue produces forecasts that are systematically too optimistic, which this playbook's probability- weighting approach directly addresses.

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