

2024-2025 CANDIDATES

Officers Announced

The MSCPA Nominations Committee reports the candidates for officers/director for the 2024-2025 year. The election is scheduled for Saturday, June 22, 2024, during the Annual Business Meeting at the Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort, Destin, Florida. Absentee ballots for members who will be unable to attend the Business Meeting will be available later this spring.

Chairman

Tom Walker, Jackson

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Members of the Nominations Committee included: Scott Christian, Chairman, Natchez; Phillip Chu, Jackson; Randa Craig, Gulfport; Annette Herrin, Hattiesburg; John McCallum, Ridgeland; Fred Sutphen, Jr., Greenwood; and Stacy Thomas, Jackson.

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Thursday May 9, 2024

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ENTER: To enter, complete your registration by May 1. Spouse/guest registrations are not eligible.

GRAND PRIZE: The grand prize winner will receive a refund of their General Registration fees, paid via credit card or check. **GENERAL RULES:** The winner will be selected randomly and notified initially via phone and/or email. No substitutions or transfers allowed.

To register online or download a printable form, visit **www.ms-cpa.org/education/annual-convention**.

Brochures will be mailed next month.

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Welcome New Members

Jeffrey H. Goodwin

Mississippi Office of the State Auditor *Jackson*

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- AICPA Certificate Program Events: Credentials
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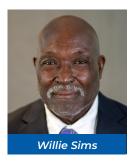
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Member News

Governor Reeves Reappointments Willie Sims to Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy



Willie B. Sims, Jr., CPA has served on the Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy since 2004 in many leadership roles. On the national level, he is currently the Southeast Regional Director of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) and serves on the Continuing Professional Education Committee. As such, Willie is a pivotal leader for the profession across the country, and Mississippi is fortunate to be represented in these important roles by him. His reputation has also earned him positions on other key committees of NASBA (Diversity, Strategic Planning, Nominating, and Awards). Willie is the owner of Willie B. Sims, Jr., CPA PLLC in Hattiesburg where he oversees the firm's day-to-day operations which includes tax, audit and assurance, and compliance. His experience in all facets of the profession and as a small business owner is beneficial and essential to the duties of the State Board.

Andy Wright Retires from Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy; Sharee Brewer Named Executive Director

The Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy (MSBPA) announced the retirement of Andy Wright on January 17, 2024, and named Sharee Brewer his replacement as Executive Director.

Andy L. Wright, CPA had served as the Executive Director of the MSBPA since March 1, 2017. He first joined the MSBPA as the Associate Director, Investigations on January 1, 2014. Prior to MSBPA, he was with the Mississippi Office of the State Auditor for five years, where he provided technical assistance and training to state and local government officials and CPA's / auditors and also participated in audits of various state agencies. Wright spent more than eight years in public accounting and more than 20 years in financial, operational, and executive management at banking and mortgage banking firms. He holds CPA licenses in both Texas and Mississippi, earning the Texas certificate in 1980 and Mississippi certificate in 1991. He received the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Accountancy) degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and did post-graduate work in accounting and taxation at the University of Houston.





Sharee Brewer, CPA, CGFM, CFE began serving with the MSBPA as the Associate Director, Investigations on June 30, 2017. Prior to joining the MSBPA, she served for 5 years as a Finance & Accounting Consultant with the University of Tennessee's Institute for Public Service in the agency known as MTAS (Municipal

Technical Advisory Service). In this capacity, she provided technical assistance to Tennessee municipal governing bodies and financial staff relevant to standards of practice, governing regulations, and Tennessee and Federal law. She also served as an instructor for a state-mandated certification program designed specifically for local government financial personnel as well as other training of a technical nature assigned by the University. Before coming to work with the University of Tennessee, she was employed for 22 years as a Financial & Compliance Auditor with the Tennessee State Comptroller's Office of Local Government Audit where she conducted audits of county governments and associated component units. She graduated from Mississippi State University in 1987 with a Bachelor of Professional Accountancy degree and completed her MBA with a banking and finance emphasis with the University of Tennessee in 2016. She holds CPA licenses in both Tennessee and Mississippi, earning the Tennessee certificate in 1993 and Mississippi certificate in 2017. Sharee holds additional certificates as a Certified Governmental Financial Manager and Certified Fraud Examiner.



MSCPA 2024 ANNUAL CONVENTION

Agenda Announced • June 19-23, 2024

The MSCPA 2024 Annual Convention and Business Meeting will be held at the Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Destin, Florida. This year's theme, Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes, was chosen to honor the late Jimmy Buffett who was a Mississippi native. Chairman Jerry Goolsby extends an invitation to all MSCPA members and friends of the Society to attend! Convention registration begins Thursday, June 20, at 1:00 p.m. in the Azalea Foyer. Stop by to pick up your packet, gifts, and a welcome refreshment.

THURSDAY NIGHT **GRAND OPENING RECEPTION CALLING ALL PARROTHEADS!**

THURSDAY, IUNE 20 • 7:00 - 8:45 P.M.

The grand opening reception starts at 7:00 p.m. in the Azalea Ballroom, and members will be greeted by the current MSCPA officers. NEW this year is a 360 photo booth. Come to the reception dressed in your best tropical, laid-back, and beachy attire for an unforgettable evening!

CPE SESSIONS & SPEAKERS

Earn up to 16 hours of CPE on Wednesday and Thursday







Navigating Current Financial Dynamics

Instructor: Mike Morgan

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19 • 8:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. • CREDITS: 4 GENERAL

This interactive seminar will address dynamics that can affect you, your firm or business, and your clients. Topics covered include: Cybersecurity for non-IT professionals, trends in private equity, pensions-they affect you whether you realize it or not, latest data from the Fed, banking crisis-what your clients want to know, unique issues local governments face, and more.

Strategy Begins with Employees and Succeeds with Execution

Instructor: Bob Mims

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19 • 1:00 – 4:30 P.M. • CREDITS: 4 GENERAL

So many strategies fail for companies, and there are several main reasons. Whether it is the definition, goal setting, or execution, they all have something in common. They fail to start with your employees and their core understanding of where your company wants to go. This session is highly interactive and will walk through the basic elements for both for profits and nonprofits of developing a successful executable road map. It will inform the participants on the latest research on employees, why it is important, and the critical need to involve them in your execution to generate success.

Tackling Our Communication GAAP-Knowing You, Your Team, and the Economy We Now Face

Instructor: Bob Mims

THURSDAY, JUNE 20 • 8:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. • CREDITS: 4 GENERAL

We are notoriously stereotyped into a bucket of our inability to communicate effectively to our leadership and our peer group. Even though we are subject matter experts and always "right", there is work to be done for us to grow our broader leadership skills by both understanding those around us and the bigger picture of the economics of our world.

Life-Changing Excel Tips and Tricks for Everyone! **Instructor: Tracy Cooper**

THURSDAY, JUNE 20 • 1:00 – 4:30 P.M. • CREDITS: 4 GENERAL

Let's face it, Excel is a cornerstone in the life of most CPAs. Yet, many of us find ourselves tethered to the same old skills, watching as Excel leaps forward with innovative features that time hasn't allowed us to embrace fully. If you dream of spending more time with your toes in the sand, and a drink in your hand, it's high time you explore and master the latest Excel features. These tools can revolutionize your workflow and give you more time for those welldeserved moments of relaxation!

KEYNOTE SPEAKER SESSIONS

Members who register and attend on Friday morning will have the opportunity to earn 2 additional hours of CPE

Al...Be a Friend or Be Afraid

Instructor: Tom Morrison

FRIDAY, JUNE 21 • 9:00 - 10:00 A.M. • CREDITS: 1 GENERAL



Artificial intelligence (AI) is the tsunami of changes coming at every industry. Too many are caught up in what AI will look like in 10 years instead focusing on what AI can do for them now. In this powerful and energizing session, Tom will share: What AI is and is NOT; 4 Key Elements to Change Management in an AI World; 5 Core Traits of a High Performing Worker in an AI

World; Why Embrace AI; Fears and Best Practices in Using AI; and 6 Key Elements to Succeed in an AI World.

Empowering Employees in a Changing Culture: Thriving Amidst Transformation

Instructor: Jane Mims, Ph.D.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21 • 10:30 – 11:30 A.M. • CREDITS: 1 GENERAL



Delve into the significance of organizational culture and its profound impact on employee engagement. Our keynote with Dr. Jane Mims will center around the benefits and strategies of employee empowerment, including how to overcome obstacles and resistance to new initiatives. We'll also explore ways to cultivate sustainable staff involvement efforts through

effective leadership and cultural change. The discussion is focused on helping each of us drive positive change in our organizations.

Convention Activities

FRIDAY

Golf Tournament

FRIDAY, JUNE 21 • 1:00 P.M.

Includes green and cart fees, tournament registration, and refreshments. Make your reservation by May 31 to guarantee availability. Tee time is offered on a space-available basis after the cutoff date.





NEW! Pickleball FRIDAY, JUNE 21 • 1:30 P.M.

We're thrilled to introduce this exciting sport and invite you all to join in on the action.

Don't miss out on the fun!

Deep Sea Fishing

FRIDAY, JUNE 21 • 1:30 P.M.

Includes fishing license, bait, tackle, fish cleaning and refreshments on board the Destiny. Advance registration is recommended. This trip usually sells out!



Free Evening

This year's convention schedule again features a free evening Friday night for members to enjoy the benefits of the Resort, and sponsors and exhibitors will have ample free time for networking.

SATURDAY -

Annual Business Meeting

SATURDAY, JUNE 22 • 9:00 A.M.

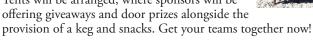
Officers for the 2024-2025 fiscal year will be elected, and reports will be presented. Members who have won the Public Service Award and Outstanding Educator Award will also be honored. CPA Exam Medal Winners will be recognized, as will the recipient of the Rising Star Award.

Following the morning refreshment break, members will gather in the main meeting room at 11:20 a.m. for exhibitor prize drawings.

Volleyball Tournament and **Beach Party**

SATURDAY, JUNE 22 • 1:30 P.M.

This event will be behind The Beach House. Tents will be arranged, where sponsors will be offering giveaways and door prizes alongside the







To register for convention, visit

www.ms-cpa.org/education/annual-convention or see page 7.

SATURDAY NIGHT RECEPTION, DINNER. AND SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT Calling All Parrotheads!

SATURDAY, JUNE 22 • 6:30 P.M.

Members return to the Conference Center on Saturday evening for the reception at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. Chairman Jerry Goolsby will introduce newly elected officers, with Chairman-Elect Tom Walker's gavel exchange marking the beginning of his term. The Bailey Trophy will be awarded to the winning volleyball team.

Entertainment will feature The Landsharks, an interactive Jimmy Buffett tribute band, and party.

As one of the most well-known, well-liked, and in-demand beach bands in the world, The Landsharks have played shows at the Super Bowl, Disney, Margaritaville, and at concerts with Jimmy Buffett, The Beach



Boys, Bob Marley's Wailers, Patti Labelle, Alan Jackson, Black-Eyed Peas, Three Dog Night, WAR, and more!

The evening will conclude with a **NEW** \$1,000 drawdown, and a prize money and Sandestin getaway drawing. Members are encouraged to visit exhibitors' booths on Friday and Saturday, to get their convention cards stamped for to be eligibile for the prize money.

SUNDAY -

Prayer Breakfast

SUNDAY, JUNE 23 • 8:00 A.M.

The traditional Sunday morning Prayer Breakfast will close the 2024 meeting.

SPOUSES EVENTS

FRIDAY, JUNE 21 • 9:00 A.M.

Annmarie-The Board Chef will do a charcuterie board and wine pairing demonstration during breakfast. Lots of prizes will be given away. You don't want to miss this!



FRIDAY, JUNE 21 • 10:30 A.M.

Spouses are invited to listen to keynote speaker Dr. Jane Mims.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22 • 9:00 A.M.

Bingo will be held in the Camellia Room with prizes made possible by the MSCPA Chapters.

CHILDREN ACTIVITIES Ages 4-12 -

Only register children attending activities.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20 • 6:30 - 9:00 P.M.

Arts, crafts, games, movie, and snacks.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21 • 8:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.



Lawn and pool party with games and snacks.

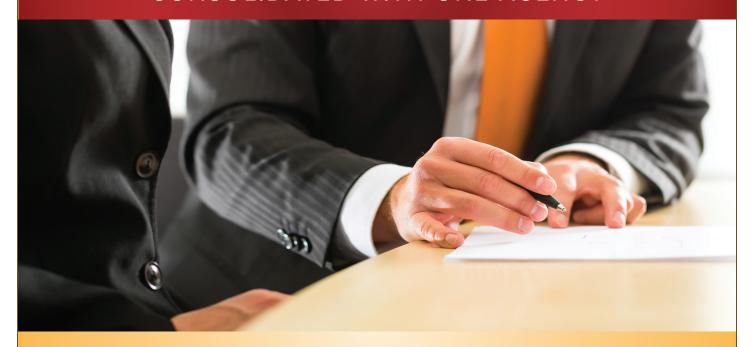
SATURDAY, JUNE 22 • 6:00 - 10:00 P.M.

Juggling performance, arts, crafts, games, movie, and dinner.



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MSCPA 2024 Annual Convention: Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes

REGISTRATION FORM

June 19-23, 2024 • Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort I Destin, FL

ddress City/State/Zip		
nail Phone		
For planning purposes, will the registered member and spouse/guest attend Saturday nig	ht's banquet?	Yes No
*MEMBER FIRST TIME ATTENDEE GENERAL REGISTRATION	\$255	
GENERAL REGISTRATION Includes welcome reception, three breakfasts, two speaker presentations (approved for 2 CPE cred Friday box lunch, Saturday beach party/volleyball tournament, reception, banquet, and special ente	its),	
SPOUSE/GUEST REGISTRATION	ch,	\$
Spouse/Guest Name:		SUBTOTAL
PE SEMINAR SELECTION		
Wednesday, June 19 • 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. • CPE Credit: 4	\$160	
Wednesday, June 19 • 1:00 – 4:30 p.m. • CPE Credit: 4	\$160	
Strategy Begins with Employees and Succeeds with Execution, Bob Mims Thursday, June 20 • 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. • CPE Credit: 4		
Thursday, June 20 • 1:00 – 4:30 p.m. • CPE Credit: 4 Life-Changing Excel Tips and Tricks for Everyone!, Tracy Cooper		\$ SUBTOTAL
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CTIVITIES Spouses and Guests Welcome! Cash Prizes Will Be Awarded!		
Golf Tournament: Friday, June 21	\$85	
Includes green fee, cart fee, tournament registration, and refreshments. Reservation must be received by May 31 to guarantee availability. Tee time is offered on a space available basis after cutoff date.		
Player(s) and Handicap(s):		
Deep Sea Fishing: Friday, June 21 (Children allowed)		
Participant(s):		
NEW! Pickleball: Friday, June 21	\$40	\$
Player(s):		SUBTOTAL
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HILDREN'S EVENTS Ages 4 to 12 years old • Only register children attending these fre	e activities.	
Thursday Evening: Arts, crafts, games, movie, and snacks	FREE	
Friday Morning: Lawn and pool party with games and snacks	FREE	
Saturday Evening: Juggling performance, arts, crafts, games, movie, and dinner	FREE	\$ TOTAL AMOUNT I
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ONLINE: www.ms-cpa.org/education/annual-convention FAX: Registration form to 601-856-8255 CALL: Noma Gillis at 601-856-4244 or 800-772-1099	iviastercard	o.s Outer

Cancellations through June 14, 2024 accepted without penalty. Cancellations/no-shows on the date of the event forfeit the entire registration fee.

No refunds or transfer of fees will be made after the date of the event.

To download a fillable and printable form, visit www.ms-cpa.org/education/annual-convention.

MDOR Updates FAQs for PTE Credit for Tax Payments Flow in Multi-Tier Situations & Incentive Credits

MSCPA Taxation Committee met with the Mississippi Department of Revenue (MDOR) in mid-December to discuss various topics and issues requested from the membership. Pass-Through Entities (PTE) issues related to MDOR's handling of tax credits was of utmost importance. MDOR was presented detailed information and examples supporting our points of contention to which they requested additional time to review. MDOR released updated FAQs on March 4 addressing these issues:

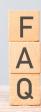
For entities that have multiple layers of ownership, can the credit for taxes paid be passed through different layers of ownership to the end partners?

Yes, the credit for taxes paid can be passed through to different entities/owners on K-1s through multiple layers of ownership to their end partners on the tax return(s) where the income of the electing pass-through entity is ultimately filed and paid.

Are incentive credits considered payments of income tax?

No, incentive credits are not considered tax payments. Incentive credits are statutorily authorized and are based on an action(s) of the taxpayer. These types of credits include, but are not limited to, employment credits, ad valorem credits, and charitable contribution credits.

To read the updated PTE FAQs 03/04/2024, visit www.dor.ms.gov.



MSCPA COMMENTS

Multiple Layers:

MDOR is agreeing that the PTE credit *generated by cash payments* of income tax can pass through multiple layers of electing PTEs. So, if the first-tier entity pays a tax in cash, that income and a credit for the tax paid flows through to the second-tier entity. The second-tier entity reports the income and then pays the tax by application of its share of the PTE credit generated by the first-tier entity's cash payment. MSCPA has confirmed that MDOR feels this is consistent with the language of the statute mandating a credit for "taxes paid" by an electing PTE.

Incentive Credits:

In contrast, MDOR draws a distinction for incentive credits by NOT recognizing them as tax payments because they are not cash payments of income tax. MSCPA argues that this treatment is contrary to specific IRS guidance on credits for payments to charities and also results in the PTE credit statute being applied in a way that is contrary to legislative intent. In this situation, consideration could be given to having an electing PTE flow all incentive credits out pro rata to its owners to ensure the full and distinct PTE credit also flows out. In light of this guidance, taxpayers with assessments based on disallowance of incentive credits claimed at the entity level will either have to negotiate resolution based on amended returns or litigate MDOR's interpretation.

MSCPA has fielded numerous comments and questions related to the proper treatment of the electing PTE legislation and related FAQs and will continue to advocate for incentive credits to be treated as tax payments with regard to an electing PTE.

We want to thank members of the MSCPA Taxation Committee for their valuable time, expertise, and diligence related to these matters. Please understand that despite persistent efforts, we cannot control MDOR's timeline of information releases.



Contribute to the POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

The MSCPA Political Action Committee (PAC) is people working together to improve our profession. Members' support gives us the ability to better achieve our annual legislative agenda. We need your help for this election year!

To donate to the MSCPA PAC, please visit www.ms-cpa.org or call 601-856-4244.

NEW! CPE at Sea: Earn Up to 20 CPE Hours

on a Cruise Saturday, August 17 - Saturday, August 24, 2024

MSCPA, in conjunction with other state societies, is proud to offer a learning experience unlike any other with CPE at Sea. Up to 20 hours of CPE are available during this 7-day cruise aboard the Carnival Jubilee departing from Galveston, Texas.

Popular presenter **Marc Hamilton** will be leading all CPE. Marc is an avid Carnival Diamond cruiser who have enjoyed more than 50 Carnival voyages and almost 365 days at sea! Marc will lead CPE focused on understanding the evolving technology that impacts CPAs including Al, Blockchain, Smart Contracts, Cryptocurrency and much more. Many times, the difficult part of learning technology evolution is connecting the practical application and seeing concepts become tools. On our Learn Voyage, Marc will work with participants to experience these practical applications and utilize cutting edge tools.

COST

Member: \$950 • Non-Member: \$1,050 Cruise: From \$689 per person (Cruise cost is subject to change)

CPE CREDITS AVAILABLE

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SESSION TOPICS

- Natural Language Processing (NLP) and Prompt Engineering: Overview and Application
- Brainstorming Exercise "Building a Better Mouse Trap" Case Study
- Current Technology A&A Topics of Importance
- A Futuristic Perspective of our Accounting Profession
- Learnings: Reflection and Rediscussion

For complete details or to register, visit www.ms-cpa.org.





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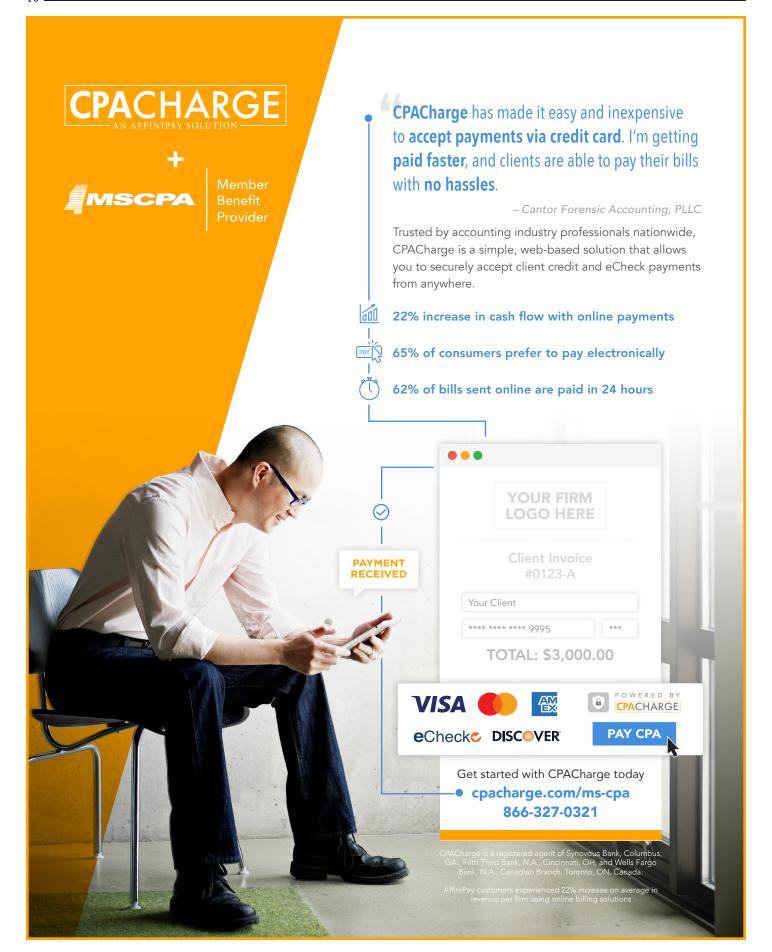
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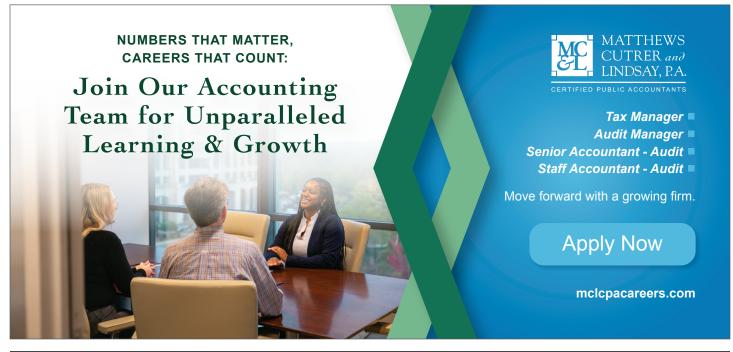
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Spring Social









Young CPA Leadership Conference

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

In-Person and Livestream at the MSCPA Training Center in Ridgeland

In-Person attendance recommended and encouraged!

This Mississippi Young CPA Network event is for young and aspiring CPAs looking to build success skills to get ahead.

Credits: 8 • Member Price: \$125

AGENDA

8:00 a.m. REGISTRATION, BREAKFAST, & NETWORKING

8:30 a.m. MANAGING IN ALL DIRECTIONS: TAMING TIME

Dr. Jane Mims, Gild Coaching

10:00 a.m. BREAK

10:10 a.m. MANAGING IN ALL DIRECTIONS:

BOUNDARIES FOR SANITY Dr. Jane Mims, Gild Coaching

12:00 p.m. LUNCH

· Annual Business Meeting

Rising Star Award

· Sponsor Appreciation

MANAGING IN ALL DIRECTIONS: 1:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATION FOR PROFESSIONALS

& BEYOND

2:00 p.m. IN THE BATTLEFIELD, AIRCRAFT CARRIER,

AND BUSINESS LEADERSHIP MATTERS

Colonel Timothy Burton, U.S. Marine Corps Retired

2:50 p.m. **BREAK**

3:00 p.m. **CRITICAL THINKING**

Michael Jordan, Belhaven University

4:30 p.m. **DOOR PRIZES & ADJOURNMENT**









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CHAPTERS

SOUTHEAST CHAPTER

The MSCPA Southeast Chapter welcomed Joseph Bost, CPA from TMH, PLLC, as the speaker for the 2024 Tax Updates meeting. Held on February 15th, the event took place at the Jackie Dole Sherrill Community Center located in Hattiesburg.

Bost covered pertinent topics, including recent changes in tax laws, potential implications for businesses and individuals, and strategies for optimizing tax planning and compliance.

Thank you to everyone for attending, Joseph Bost for speaking, and to the Chapter Officers Jabe Mills and Jay Babington for making this a successful event.



CENTRAL CHAPTER Save the Dates!

After Tax Season Social

Network, Unwind, and Meet the Candidates



Wednesday, May 1, 2024 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Join the Central Chapter for complimentary hors d'oeuvres & drinks.

Sombra Mexican Kitchen 140 Township Ave #100 • Ridgeland, MS

FREE!

There is no cost to attend.

Lunch & Learn

Thursday, May 2, 2024

Lunch: 11:30 a.m. • **Program**: 12:00-1:50 p.m.

CPE Credit: 2 • Cost: \$30

New Officers will be elected for the upcoming year and 3 Board of Governors representatives will be elected to serve two-year terms.

MSCPA Training Center 306 Southampton Row • Ridgeland, MS

Registration will open soon!

If you would like to volunteer or nominate someone, email kmoody@ms-cpa.org.

Volunteer to *******Join a Committee

Joining an MSCPA committee offers networking opportunities, valuable experience, and connections within your industry. Committee members collaborate to achieve MSCPA objectives. Chair appointments are currently being made by Chairman-Elect Tom Walker. Put your name forward or nominate someone by **April 30**.

VOLUNTEER TODAY!

www.ms-cpa.org/membership/committees or kmoody@ms-cpa.org



EAST CENTRAL CHAPTER

Spring CPE Event

Tuesday, May 7, 2024 • Northwood Country Club • Meridian, MS

All MSCPA members are invited to attend!

AGENDA:

12:00 p.m. LUNCH

1:00 p.m. CURRENT FRAUD CASES AND HOW TO AVOID BEING THE NEXT VICTIM

Donna Ingram, CPA, CFE, CFF

2:40 p.m. BREAK

2:55 p.m. HOT TOPICS IN FORENSIC, VALUATION, & LITIGATION SERVICES

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INTERNS & YOUNG PROFESSIONALS LUNCHEON

This year's Interns and Young Professionals Luncheon was held on February 16, 2024, at the MSCPA in Ridgeland with a record of over 90 in attendance! Interns and young professionals were invited from firms and businesses in the metro area to attend. The gathering featured a teambuilding trivia game and insightful presentations from four of MSCPA's Rising Star Award recipients, Shannon Adams, Wil Crawford, Julia Jesuit, and Kimberly Williams, and President/CEO Karen Moody. A special thank you to the YCPA Board for co-hosting such a successful event.

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Federal Court Holds Corporate Transparency Act (BOI Reporting) UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Judge Liles C. Burke of the U.S. District Court of the Northern District of Alabama recently issued a memorandum opinion and final judgement in *National Small Business United v. Yellen*. The case was filed by the National Small Business Association, and the court ruled the Corporate Transparency Act (which includes the Beneficial Ownership Information (BOI) reporting requirement) unconstitutional, finding that the CTA exceeds the Constitution's limits on Congress' power.

Note that the language from the final judgement specifically relates solely to the plaintiffs in this case (i.e., the National Small Business Association (NSBA) and a specific business owner who is a member of the NSBA).

The U.S. Treasury is likely to appeal the ruling; therefore, the case is likely to continue through the judicial process for an indeterminate amount of time. During that time, small businesses should continue to file the Beneficial Ownership Information (BOI) reports.

The profession, including AICPA, MSCPA, and other state societies, continues to push for suspension of the BOI reporting rule.

To read the full JOA article, visit https://bit.ly/49PZbBD.

BOI resources can be found in the AICPA's Beneficial Ownership Information Reporting at https://bit.ly/3Vomlum.





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Corporate Transparency Act/Beneficial Ownership Information Reporting — Coverage Considerations for CPA Firms

CAMICO continues to receive numerous inquiries from policyholders regarding coverage implications of assisting clients with the new beneficial ownership information ("BOI") reporting under the Corporate Transparency Act ("CTA") given the overarching concern that CPAs and non-attorney tax professionals helping clients in this arena could be deemed as engaging in the unauthorized practice of law ("UPL"). CAMICO presents this document for reference purposes only to highlight common coverage-related inquiries received from policyholders related to the new beneficial ownership reporting rules under the Corporate Transparency Act.

COVERAGE IMPLICATIONS

Question 1. What are the general coverage implications, if any, under CAMICO's professional liability policy for assisting clients with CTA-related services?

Answer 1. The CAMICO policy responds to a great variety of claims due to its broad definition of covered professional services. The use of a broad definition means that as new service areas arise, the policy does not need to be amended to extend coverage to the new services. Each claim is unique, however, and must be reviewed according to its specific allegations and in conjunction with all the terms and conditions of the policy. CAMICO intends that coverage will respond to the typical CTA claim we anticipate receiving, particularly if at the time the services are rendered both the state in which the firm and client reside have not deemed that providing CTA-related services to be the unauthorized practice of law (refer to Question 2 below).

However, it is important to note that insurance companies are under strict regulatory guidelines that typically preclude carriers from insuring parties for their criminal acts. As such, professional liability policies, including those for accountants, have an exclusion for any claim based on, or arising from or related to, a criminal act. So, as UPL violations in some states may be treated as criminal matters, any such claims could trigger this exclusion.

Question 2. Since no state has yet to provide a definitive statement on whether CTA-related advisory services would be considered the unauthorized practice of law, what happens from a coverage perspective if at a later date our state and/or the state in which the client resides determines that such services are in fact deemed to be the unauthorized practice of law?

Answer 2. As noted in Question 1 above, CAMICO intends that coverage will respond to the typical claim we anticipate receiving. Every claim is fact-specific, and the pertinent facts of any claim scenario must be analyzed. As such, each claim would be subject to the policy's terms and conditions, as well as the legal and/or professional standards of care at the time the services were rendered. Therefore, future changes in the legal and/or professional standards of care for such services would not be a pertinent consideration in determining coverage.

Question 3. How does the CAMICO policy respond if there are allegations made against our firm for fraudulent, criminal and/or illegal activity related to CTA services?

Answer 3. How the CAMICO policy responds is not unique just to CTA-related services. Insurance companies are under strict regulatory guidelines that typically preclude carriers like CAMICO and others from insuring parties for criminal acts and fraud. As such, professional liability policies, including those for accountants, have exclusions for any claim based on, or arising from or related to, criminal acts or other acts deemed to be fraudulent in nature.

Regarding defense costs, CAMICO insureds are entitled to legal defense when there is a potential for indemnity coverage, subject to policy terms and conditions. When covered negligent acts are alleged to have occurred during the performance of professional services, CAMICO will provide for your defense, although CAMICO cannot pay damages on your behalf if you admit to or are found guilty of engaging in criminal or fraudulent acts.

If the only allegations against you are uncovered acts, CAMICO will not be able to defend or indemnify you. However, civil complaints that solely allege fraud or criminal activity are uncommon in our decades of defending CPA firms.

Question 4. Does CAMICO have additional risk management guidance on the CTA?

Answer 4. Yes. CAMICO has risk management guidance available on this topic, including a Frequently Asked Questions document that highlights many of the common inquiries we have received from policyholders. Click Frequently Asked Questions to access the FAQ document.

In addition, CAMICO has developed the following templates which are available on the Members-Only Site's Engagement Letter Resource Center:

- Client Notification Template: Corporate Transparency Act/ Beneficial Ownership Reporting Requirements
- Engagement Letter: Administrative Services Filing of Initial BOI Report
- Engagement Letter: Limited CTA Advisory Services Filing of Initial BOI Report
- Management Representation Letter Filing of Initial BOI Report

CAMICO policyholders with questions should contact the Loss Prevention department by email at lp@camico.com or call 1.800.652.1772 and ask to speak with a Loss Prevention Specialist. Additional risk management resources are available on CAMICO's Members-Only Site (https://www.camico.com).

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In-person at the MSCPA in Ridgeland or Livestream

This event will provide the crucial guidance you need to stay in compliance with the many A&A rules affecting your practice, business or clients.

Business & Industry Management Development Conference

May 15-16, 2024 · 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
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DATE	DAY	NEW	COURSE TITLE	LOCATION	LS	CPE HRS	CATEGORY	MEM	NON MEM	AICPA DISCOUNT
Jan 17	W	New	Livestream Only: Hot Tax Tips with Art Auerbach	Online	4	2	Tax	79	119	
Feb 06	Т		Livestream Only: Beneficial Ownership Info. Reporting Under the Corp. Transp. Act	Online	4	2	Tax	39	39	
Feb 15	Th	New	Livestream Only: Hot Tax Tips with Art Auerbach	Online	4	2	Tax	79	119	
Mar 05	T		Livestream Only: What's New in Excel	Online	4	2	Gen	79	119	
Mar 12	T	New	Livestream Only: Internal Control Changes for Telecommuting Workers	Online	•	2	Gen	79	119	
Mar 19	Т	New	Livestream Only: How Business Technology Will Evolve	Online	•	2	Gen	79	119	
Mar 26	T		Livestream Only: If You Only Knew What Microsoft Word Could Do	Online	4	2	Gen	79	119	
Apr 24	W		Young CPA Leadership Conference	MSCPA	4	8	Gen	150	150	
May 01	W	New	Livestream Only: Hot Topics: Management of Accounting Practice/Firm Admin.	Online	•	1	Gen	39	39	
May 07	Т		Livestream Only: Hot Tax Tips with Art Auerbach	Online	4	2	Tax	79	119	
May 09	Th		Committee Day	MSCPA						
May 13	М		Mississippi Sales & Use Tax	MSCPA	4	4	Tax	160	200	
May 13	М		Ethics & Professional Conduct for CPAs	MSCPA	4	4	Ethics/Rules	160	200	
May 14	T		Accounting & Auditing Conference	MSCPA	4	8	A&A	225	300	
May 15-16	W-Th		Business & Industry: Management Development Conference	MSCPA	4	16	Gen	345	465	
May 20-21	M-T		Livestream Only: Mississippi Technology Conference	Online	4	16	Gen	490	610	
May 22	W		The Best Individual Income Tax Update Course by Surgent	MSCPA	4	8	Tax	285	355	
May 23	Th		Surgent's Handbook for Mastering Basis, Distributions, & Loss Limitation Issues	MSCPA	4	8	Tax	285	355	
May 24	F		Securing a Comfortable Retirement in the Age of Spending	MSCPA	4	8	Tax	285	355	
May 28	Т		A Complete Guide to the Yellow Book	MSCPA	4	8	A&A/YB	285	355	
May 29	W		Advanced Audits of 401(k) Plans: Best Practices & Current Developments	MSCPA	4	8	A&A	285	355	
May 30	Th		Construction Contractors: Critical Accounting, Auditing, & Tax Issues	MSCPA	4	8	A&A/Tax	285	355	
May 31	F	New	Advanced CFO & Controller Skills	MSCPA	4	8	Gen	285	355	
Jun 03	М		Financial Statement Disclosures: A Guide for Small & Medium-Sized Businesses	MSCPA	4	4	A&A	160	200	
Jun 03	М	New	Preparing & Reviewing Client Prep. Fin. Statements & Gen. Attest Engagements	MSCPA	4	4	A&A	160	200	
Jun 04	Т	New	Auditing Complex Management Estimates	MSCPA	4	4	A&A	160	200	
Jun 04	Т	New	Performing Effective & Efficient Audit Sampling & Analytical Procedures	MSCPA	4	4	A&A	160	200	
Jun 05	W	New	Limited Liability Companies: Losses, Liquidations, Terminations, Cont., & Sales	MSCPA	4	4	Tax	160	200	
Jun 05	W		Surgent's Federal Tax Update	MSCPA	4	4	Tax	160	200	
Jun 06	Th		Buying & Selling a Business: Tax & Structuring Overview	MSCPA	4	4	Tax	160	200	
Jun 06	Th		IRS Tax Examinations & Hot Issues	MSCPA	4	4	Tax	160	200	
Jun 07	F		Ethics, Rules, & Regulations	MSCPA	4	4	Ethics/Rules	160	200	
Jun 07	F		Taxation of Partnership Distributions & Sales of Partnership Interests	MSCPA	4	4	Tax	160	200	
Jun 10	М		Compilations, Reviews, & Prep.: Engagement Performance & Annual Update	MSCPA	4	8	A&A	285	355	
Jun 11	Т	New	Overview of All Nonprofit Tax Return Forms (990, 990-T, 990-PF, 8940, & 4720)	MSCPA	4	8	Tax	285	355	
Jun 12	W	New	Nonprofit Tax Update for 2024	MSCPA	4	8	Tax	285	355	
Jun 13	Th	New	Single Auditing Made Simple	MSCPA	4	8	A&A/YB	285	355	
Jun 14	F		Winning the Fraud Battle in the Digital Age: Prevention & Detection	MSCPA	4	8	A&A	285	355	
Jun 17	М		Livestream Only: Understanding & Creating an Internal Control System	Online	4	8	A&A	285	355	
Jun 18	Т		Livestream Only: You Don't Know What You Don't Know About Microsoft® Excel®	Online	4	8	Gen	285	355	
Jun 19	W	New	Livestream Only: How Al is Automating Internal Control	Online	4	4	A&A	160	200	
Jun 19	W	New	Livestream Only: Protecting Digital Data – More Important Now Than Ever Before	Online	4	4	A&A	160	200	
Jun 20	Th	New	Livestream Only: Partnership & LLC Core Tax Issues From Form. Through Liquid.	Online	4	8	Tax	285	355	
Jun 21	F		Livestream Only: Surgent's Comp. Guide to Tax Dep., Expensing, & Prop. Trans.	Online	4	8	Tax	285	355	
Jun 24	М		The Strategic CFO: Big Picture Skills	MSCPA	À	8	A&A/Gen	285	355	
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Jun 25	Т	New	Are Employees Important Enough to Drive Your Strategy	MSCPA	4	4	Gen	160	200	
Jun 25	Т	New	Building a Better Understanding of You, Your Team & of Mega Trends Today	MSCPA	4	4	Gen	160	200	
Jun 26	W		This Year's Best Income Tax, Estate Tax, & Financial-Planning Ideas	MSCPA	4	8	Tax	285	355	
Jun 27	Th		Ethics & Professional Conduct for CPAs	MSCPA	•	4	Ethics/Rules	160	200	
Jun 27	Th	New	Section 199A: Schedule K-1 Reporting by Relevant Pass-Through Entities	MSCPA	4	4	Tax	160	200	
Jun 28	F		Social Security & Medicare: Planning for You & Your Clients	MSCPA	•	8	Tax	285	355	
Jul 16	Т		Livestream Only: Hot Tax Tips with Art Auerbach	Online	4	2	Tax	79	119	
Jul 16	Т		Livestream Only: K2's Microsoft 365/Office 365 - All the things You Need to Know	Online	•	8	Gen	285	355	
Jul 17	W		Livestream Only: K2's Small Bus. Internal Controls, Security, & Fraud Prev. & Det.	Online	•	8	A&A	285	355	
Jul 18	Th		Livestream Only: K2's Excel Charting & Visualizations	Online	4	4	Gen	160	200	
Jul 18	Th		Livestream Only: K2's Best Word, Outlook, & PowerPoint Features	Online	4	4	Gen	160	200	
Jul 30	Т		Livestream Only: K2's An Accountant's Guide To Blockchain & Cryptocurrency	Online	4	4	Gen	160	200	
Jul 30	Т		Livestream Only: K2's Artificial Intelligence For Accounting & Financial Professional	Online	4	4	Gen	160	200	
Jul 31	W		Livestream Only: K2's Advanced QuickBooks Tips & Techniques	Online	4	4	A&A	160	200	
Jul 31	W		Livestream Only: K2's Case Studies In Fraud & Technology Controls	Online	4	4	A&A	160	200	
Aug 07	W	New	Livestream Only: Hot Topics: Management of Accounting Practice/Firm Admin.	Online	4	1	Gen	39	39	
Aug 14	W		Livestream Only: Hot Tax Tips with Art Auerbach	Online	4	2	Tax	79	119	
Aug 15-16	Th-F		Governmental Accounting & Auditing Conference	MSCPA	4	16	A&A/YB	295	395	
Aug 17-24	Sa-Sa	New	CPE at Sea	Cruise		20	A&A/Ethics/Gen/PD	950	1050	
Aug 20	T		Agriculture & Farm Activities Conference	MSCPA	4	8	Gen	215	215	
Aug 22	Th		Banking & Finance Conference	MSCPA	4	8	Gen	200	275	
Sep 19	Th		Health Care Services Conference	MSCPA	4	8	Gen	215	215	
Sep 24	Т		Ethics & Professional Conduct for CPAs	MSCPA	4	4	Ethics/Rules	160	200	
Sep 24	Т		Fraud: Sign, Sign, Everywhere a Sign	MSCPA	4	4	A&A	160	200	
Sep 26	Th		Not-for-Profit Conference	MSCPA	4	8	Gen	125	125	
Sep 30	М		Tax Planning for Small Business	MSCPA	4	4	Tax	160	200	
Sep 30	М		Taxation of Property Transactions	MSCPA	4	4	Tax	160	200	
Oct 01	Т		Multistate Income Tax	MSCPA	4	8	Tax	285	355	30
Oct 23	W		Industry Conference	MSCPA	4	8	Gen	200	275	
Oct 28	М		Individual Tax Fundamentals	MSCPA	4	8	Tax	285	355	30
Oct 29	Т		Intermediate Individual Taxation	MSCPA	4	8	Tax	285	355	30
Oct 30	W		S Corporations: Key Issues, Compliance, & Tax Strategies	MSCPA	4	8	Tax	285	355	30
Nov 01	F		Accounting Education Conference	MSCPA	4	8	Gen	100	100	
Nov 06	W	New	Livestream Only: Hot Topics: Management of Accounting Practice/Firm Admin.	Online	4	1	Gen	39	39	
Nov 13	W		Livestream Only: Hot Tax Topics with Art Auerbach	Online	4	2	Tax	79	119	
Nov 14	Th	New	Blockchain: Current Applications of Importance for CPA's	MSCPA	4	4	Gen	160	200	
Nov 14	Th	New	Cryptocurrency Insight: Evolution, Impacts, & Future Adoption	MSCPA	4	4	Gen	160	200	
Nov 15	F	New	A CPA Primer on Data Analytics with Practical Examples	MSCPA	4	4	A&A	160	200	
Nov 15	F	New	The Future is Now: Al, Machine Learning & Natural Language Processing	MSCPA	4	4	Gen	160	200	
Nov 21	Th		Business Valuation & Litigation Services Conference	MSCPA	4	8	Gen	200	275	
Dec 02	М		Four Tiers of Loss Limitations: A Guide to the Rules for Pass-Through Entities	MSCPA	4	4	Tax	160	200	
Dec 02	М		Ethics, Rules, & Regulations	MSCPA	À	4	Ethics/Rules	160	200	
Dec 03	Т		The Complete Guide to Payroll Taxes & 1099 Issues	MSCPA	ì	8	Tax	285	355	
Dec 05	Th		AICPA's Annual Federal Tax Update	MSCPA	4	8	Tax	285	355	30
Dec 11	W		Livestream Only: Hot Tax Topics with Art Auerbach	Online	4	2	Tax	79	119	
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