

## Dr. Morris H. Stocks Outstanding Educator

Dr. Morris H. Stocks of the University of Mississippi has been named the 2016 MSCPA Outstanding Educator and will be recognized during the Business Meeting at the Annual Convention at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Destin on Saturday, June 25.

He has been a member of the University of Mississippi faculty since 1991 and remains active in the teaching and research missions of the accounting program. He has actively recruited students into the accounting profession, mentored students



Dr. Morris H. Stocks

and has been an ambassador and supporter of the accounting profession throughout his career. Stocks is the 1998 recipient of the university's most prized teaching honor, the Elsie M. Hood Outstanding Teacher Award, and was named Patterson School of Accountancy Outstanding Teacher in 1995 and 2000 and Outstanding Researcher in 1996, 2001 and 2007. Stocks' primary research interest relates to financial accounting issues on the decision-making process of users of accounting information. He has published in many of his profession's top academic and professional journals.

Dr. Stocks serves as provost and executive vice chancellor. He previously served as interim chancellor and professor of accountancy. Immediately before assuming responsibilities as interim chancellor in 2015, Stocks served the university as

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## Donald McWilliams Public Service Award Winner

Donald McWilliams of Jackson has been selected as the 2016 MSCPA Public Service Award Winner and will be recognized during the Annual Business Meeting on Saturday, June 25 at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort.

Donald has spent his entire career in public service as a teacher, public employee, mentor, and community advocate. He joined the faculty of Jackson State University in 2009 as



Donald McWilliams

an instructor of accounting and teaches Financial Accounting and Governmental and Not-for-Profit Accounting. He serves as faculty advisor to the JSU Accounting Society where he spends many hours leading, motivating and developing students desiring to become licensed professionals. Under his guidance, the Accounting Society has more than doubled its membership. Each year he chaperones students attending the regional conference of accounting professionals. At this event, students participate in job interviews, networking opportunities, a scholarship luncheon and professional development workshops. In addition to the Accounting Society, Donald is also an advisor for the JSU Chess Club, mentors to young male students on

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## IN MEMORIAM

**TOMMY LEE HAWKINS, CPA**  
*Greenwood*  
Died Mar. 10, 2016

**ADAM BLAKE McINNIS, CPA**  
*Ocean Springs*  
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## Rob King 2016 Rising Star Winner

Robert (Rob) D. King, Jr. of Hattiesburg has been named the 2016 MSCPA Rising Star and will be recognized during the Business Meeting at the Annual Convention on Saturday, June 25.

The Rising Star Award, established in 2014 by the Board of Governors, recognizes an outstanding young CPA in Mississippi age 40 or under who has demonstrated exemplary



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# Welcome New Members

New members include Steve S. Dobbins, Mary E. Jones, Domina Cox Kaler, Jack A. Kaler, Rachel Lynne McIntire, John Irvin Myers, Ricco L. Owens, Eva Q. Perkins, Michael Timothy Skinner, Andrew Spearman, and Angie Sigrest Turner.

Now completing the membership process are:

**Kirk Gibson Anthony** was born in Jackson and received a Bachelor of Accounting from Mississippi College. He is a Senior Accountant with Williams, Weiss, Hester, & Co., PLLC in Jackson.

**William C. Carroll, Jr.**, was born in Yazoo City and received a Business Degree from the University of Mississippi and a BS Accountancy from Mississippi College. He is a Manager with Harper, Rains, Knight & Company, P.A. in Ridgeland.

**Eric Casperson** was born in Ogden, Utah and received Bachelor of Accountancy and Master of Accountancy from the University of Mississippi. He is a Senior Accountant with Harper, Rains, Knight & Company, P.A. in Ridgeland.

**Steven Wayne Hinson, Jr.** was born in Columbia, South Carolina and received a Bachelor of Accountancy and Master of Taxation from Mississippi State University. He is a Staff Accountant with Silas Simmons, LLP in Natchez.

**Nathan Scott Rowell** was born in Millington, Tennessee and received a Bachelor of Accountancy and Master of Professional Accountancy from Mississippi State University. He is an Audit Associate with Harper, Rains, Knight & Company, P.A. in Ridgeland.

**James Robert Slater** was born in Honolulu, Hawaii and received a BSBA from the University of Southern Mississippi. He is a Plant Controller with Johnson Controls, Inc. in Hattiesburg.

**Tommy Story** was born in Mobile, Alabama and received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Southern Mississippi. He is a Deputy Clerk with Jackson County Chancery Clerk in Pascagoula.

**Brittney Marie Williams** was born in Cleveland, Ohio and received a Bachelor of Accountancy from the University of Mississippi and a MBA, Accounting from Mississippi College. She is a Staff Accountant II with Blue Cross & Blue Shield of MS in Flowood.

**Patricia L. Lindsey** was born in Poplarville and received a BSBA in Accounting and a MPA from the University of Southern Mississippi. She is an Auditor with Harper, Rains, Knight & Company, P.A. in Ridgeland.



*President/CEO Karen Moody, Chairman Cheryl Lee, Chairman-Elect Charles Prince (pictured left), and AICPA Council Member Sim Mosby (pictured right) recently represented MSCPA at the AICPA Spring Council Meeting in New Orleans where the theme was Explore, Connect, Expand: Thriving in a Shifting Environment. The meeting included entertainment at The National WWII Museum.*

# MSCPA Assessing Impact of New DOL Overtime Rule

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) on May 18 released a final rule amending the requirements for overtime pay that would dramatically increase the salary thresholds for exemption for CPA firms and other businesses here in Mississippi and throughout the nation.

Under the FLSA employees who work more than 40 hours in a week are entitled to overtime pay, unless they meet the requirements of one of wage level and duties tests. The new rule doubles the minimum salary threshold from \$23,660 to \$47,476 annually and raises the exemption level for what are considered "highly compensated employees" from \$100,000 to \$134,004 annual salary. DOL estimates that this rule change will directly impact some 4.2 million workers across the United States not currently eligible for overtime and may reclassify an additional 8.9 million salaried workers as nonexempt.

Businesses nationwide are assessing the effects of the new overtime-pay rule, with many companies saying the regulation will lead them to reduce workers' hours, cut benefits, or limit flexible office arrangements. Companies will have until December 1, 2016, to make determinations on which employees to reclassify as nonexempt and implement the changes.

In Mississippi, CPA firms and clients alike are expressing concern about the rule's impact.

"The rule may be well-intentioned, but is likely to have unintended consequences," said Karen Moody, MSCPA President/CEO. "Expanding the pool of overtime-eligible employees will force firms and companies to resort to cost-saving measures to maintain current payroll levels. The Labor Department received 270,000 public comments on its proposal, many from employers who believe the rule will force them to cap workers' hours, slow the hiring of full-time employees, and shift salaried workers to hourly schedules."

While most accounting firms will

work to absorb the additional payroll expectations, the overtime rule will have a significant negative impact on smaller accounting firms. Of particular concern, are the impacts the change in overtime has on major decisions such as hiring, expansion, the offering of benefits, and the ability to offer flexible working arrangements. Further, DOL does not take into consideration the seasonal nature of the accounting profession, nor the numerous small firms that are unable to increase the salaries of their employees to comply with the exemption threshold, while also meeting the demands of tax season each year.

In a statement released after the rule was issued, American Institute of CPAs' (AICPA) President and CEO Barry C. Melancon, CPA, CGMA, said, "The proposed revisions fail to modernize or streamline the regulations, are not reflective of the realities of the modern workplace and a changing workforce, and would adversely affect both employees and employers. DOL's modifications to the rule did little to lessen the likelihood that CPA firms and countless other businesses will be forced to curtail hiring – and may even have to reduce the size of their workforce."

The MSCPA will work with the AICPA to urge Congress to intervene in the process so that regulations governing overtime pay reflect the evolving workplace in a manner that is not economically counterproductive.

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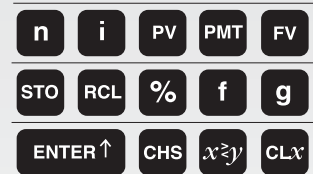
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# Legislation Report

The 2016 Legislative Session was a huge success for the Mississippi Society of CPAs. MSCPA Chairman Cheryl Lee, Legislation Committee Chairman Linda Keng, Legislation Committee Millennial Chairman Matt Bailey, and MSCPA President/CEO Karen Moody worked with The Clay Firm on three major priorities, all of which passed the Mississippi Legislature overwhelmingly.

## Students Can Now Sit for the Exam with 120 College Hours

First, MSCPA coordinated with the State Board of Public Accountancy and helped to pass SB 2119, which updates Mississippi's public accountancy laws. Our very own member, Senator Buck Clarke, authored this legislation. The relevant changes to the law include:

- Lines 29-40 – Adds to the definition of “Attest.” The new definition of “attest” brings the state into compliance with the Uniform Accountancy Act and to coordinate with the standards developed by the American Institute of Certified Accountants.
- **Lines 101-103 – This change allows for a student to sit for the Mississippi CPA Licensure Exam after completing 120 collegiate-level semester hours. Mississippi over the last several years has been losing CPA candidates to surrounding states (most notably Tennessee) that allow candidates to sit for the CPA exam with less than 150 collegiate semester hours. This change will correct that problem.**
- Lines 109-112 – Clarifies to show that 150 collegiate-level semester hours of education shall still be required to accept an application for a CPA license.
- Line 141 – allows use of email to give notice of proposed rule and regulation changes.
- Lines 177-178 – Technical change to allow notice sent by certified mail to the holder's mailing address of record with the Board.
- Lines 184-186 – This change gives the Board flexibility to discipline a licensee. Current law only allows for suspension of license after a hearing is held.
- Lines 303-308 – Clarifies the law to show that the Board of Public Accountancy can clearly use a failed quality review result to discipline a licensee if needed.

## Specialty License Tag to Help Fund MSCPA Scholarships

The next major priority for MSCPA was to pass a specialty license tag bill. Senator Buck Clarke introduced SB 2061, and Representative Bill Denny introduced HB 398 for MSCPA. Traditionally, the



Legislature combines all the specialty tag bills into one bill, 2016 was no different. Therefore, MSCPA specialty tag language was amended into SB 2675, authored by Senator Willie Simmons. Once 300 license tags are committed to be sold, this will allow for a specialty license tag to be bought for an extra \$31, of which \$24 will go to the MSCPA Educational Foundation. This is an excellent branding opportunity, as well as furthering the MSCPA Educational Foundation goal of funding scholarships each year to students recommended by their institution and the MSCPA Awards, Education & Scholarships Committee.

## CPA Exemption from the Debt Act Extended

The final major priority for the 2016 Legislative Session was extending the exemption of CPAs from the Mississippi Debt Management Services Act. HB 470, signed by the Governor on April 5th, accomplished this goal. This exemption merely states that Debt Management Service Provider does not include those situations involving debt adjusting incurred incidentally in connection with the lawful practice as a certified public accountant. This exemption is extended for another 3 years and will be back before the Legislature in 2019.

## Errors and Omissions Insurance Coverage Bill Killed

In addition to the passage of these three bills, the MSCPA was also able to kill HB 145, which would have required every firm engaging in the practice of public accounting in the State of Mississippi to carry errors and omissions insurance coverage in an amount of at least One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) per occurrence that covers every person associated or registered with the firm engaging in the practice of public

accounting in the State of Mississippi.

## Date for Filing Income Tax Returns Revised

Another bill of note is HB 461, authored by Representative Jeff Smith, and signed into law by Governor Bryant on April 5th. This bill revises the date for filing income tax returns for individuals, estates, trusts, partnerships and corporations. For tax years beginning after December 31, 2015, the date for filing a return under this section shall be the same as the date provided for filing the corresponding federal return.

## Changes for Charitable Organizations

In addition, SB 2447 was signed into law by Governor Bryant April 4. The bill, authored by Senator Sean Tindell, revises the renewal registration procedure for charitable organizations and authorizes the Secretary of State to provide for extensions of the due date for filing annual renewal of such registration. The changes include:

- That the certificate of registration to a charitable organization issued by the Secretary of State shall remain in effect until the time for annual renewal.
- A charitable organization shall renew registration by filing forms prescribed by the Secretary of State and paying the Fifty Dollar (\$50.00) renewal fee on or before the fifteenth day of the fifth month following the close of the charitable organization's taxable year.
- The Secretary of State pursuant to Section 79-11-509 may promulgate rules to provide for extensions of the due date for filing of the annual renewal required by this section and may impose an administrative penalty against any organization which fails to comply with this section within the time prescribed, or fails to furnish such additional information as is requested by the Secretary of State within the required time.
- Effective Date of this Act is July 1, 2016.

The Clay Firm wishes to express its gratitude for your continued partnership and look forward to next year's session that will begin on January 3, 2017.

## MCWILLIAMS

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professional dress and ethics, and writes over 30 letters of recommendation for students each semester.

Donald also serves as the site coordinator for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program at JSU. He has dedicated well over 200 hours each year to recruit, train, and supervise student volunteers. At the site, he also assists the international students with their tax reporting requirements. The JSU VITA program provides free income tax preparation to low-income individuals, provides students with practical experience in the field of accounting, and provides a valuable service to our community.

Donald is just as actively involved in off-campus service to our community. He served on the Board of Directors for the Hinds County Human Resources Agency. As such, he has been recognized for his outstanding leadership and service to that organization's mission of empowering low-income citizens of Hinds County to become self-sufficient.

He earned a BS in mathematics from Mississippi Valley State University, 1988, post graduate study in mathematics at Arkansas State University, 1989, and Master of Professional Accountancy at Jackson State University, 1991. His work history includes 15 years of employment with the Mississippi Department of Revenue with positions in Criminal Investigations, Special Audit, and Bankruptcy & Collections. He has received other professional training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training

Academy and the Department of Homeland Security. He has held teaching positions at Tougaloo College, Hinds Community College, Provine High School, and Arkansas State University with teaching areas in college algebra. Professional associations include the Mississippi Society of CPAs, Central Chapter of Association of Certified Fraud Examiners and National Association of Black Accountants. He is very active in the Jackson community where he serves on the board of the Hinds County Human Resources Agency and is deacon and treasurer of the Greater Bethlehem Temple Church. He also has an accounting practice with an office in Northeast Jackson.

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leadership skills and involvement in the MSCPA, the Young CPA Network, the accounting profession and their communities.

Rob is a shareholder in The Koerber Company, P.A., where he is responsible for valuation and litigation support services for clients. The valuation services are primarily for estate and gift tax purposes, purchases and sales of businesses, and equitable distributions related to divorces. The litigation support services consist of estimating damages in personal injury and wrongful death actions. Rob has assisted in preparing expert reports as they relate to economic damage calculations for personal injury and wrongful death. Rob has spoken on valuation and litigation services to accounting students at Mississippi State

University and the University of Southern Mississippi. Additionally, Rob has presented seminars to CPAs attending the AICPA 2014 Forensic and Valuation Services Conference, which was held in New Orleans, and to Mississippi attorneys.

Rob is licensed as a Certified Public Accountant in Mississippi and Louisiana. Additionally, he became a Certified Valuation Analyst through the National Association of Certified Valuators and Analysts and completed the requirements to be classified as Accredited in Business Valuation and Certified in Financial Forensics by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He is a member of the Mississippi Society of Certified Public Accountants (including member of the Business Valuation and Litigation Services Committee; Millennial Chair), Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants (including member of the Business Valuation and Litigation Services Committee), American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (including the Forensic and Valuation Services Section), and National Association Certified Valuators and Analysts (including current president of the Mississippi Chapter). In November 2015, Mr. King was named by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants as one of the Top Young CPAs in Forensic and Valuation. Rob was recently named as a member of the National Association of Certified Valuators and Analysts' 40 Under Forty recognition program for 2016 and was recently elected to the Young CPA Network Board.

Robert received a Bachelor of Accountancy degree from the University of Mississippi in 2008.

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# Board Nominates **Stacy Thomas** for **Trustee**

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Foundation, the Trustees of the Foundation of which there are three, shall be appointed by vote of the Society and shall serve for a three-year

term beginning July 1. The terms of the Trustees shall be staggered so that one new Trustee shall be appointed each year. For compliance with the Trust Agreement, the Board of Governors of the Mississippi Society of Certified Public Accountants has nominated Stacy Thomas of Jackson to fill the vacancy of a Trustee who is rotating off.



Stacy Thomas

Stacy is a shareholder in the Jackson office of the law firm Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell and

Berkowitz, PC. He has practiced with the Firm since 1996. He focuses on federal and state tax issues, tax disputes, and estate planning. Stacy is a graduate of Mississippi State University and has served as President of the alumni Advisory Council for the Adkerson School of Accountancy. He received his law degree from Vanderbilt University and a master's degree in tax law from New York University.

Stacy has enjoyed opportunities to serve the Society in many capacities over the years, including President, Treasurer, member of the Board of Governors and member of the Executive Committee. He has chaired the Society's Public Service Award Committee and served several terms on the Nominations Committee. Stacy has also held several offices in the

Central Chapter (most recently President) and has served as Chair of the Taxation Section of the Mississippi Bar Association and president of the Estate Planning Council of Mississippi. He recently became a member of the Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of Greater Jackson.

Each member of the Society can vote at the Annual Meeting in person or by mail ballot prior to the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, June 25, 2016 during the MSCPA Annual Convention at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Destin, Florida. Members not attending the Annual Meeting may request an absentee ballot by emailing mail@mscpa.org. Absentee ballots must be received by the Society office not later than June 20, five days prior to the Annual Meeting on June 25.



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## Allison Garner Graduates Alabama Leadership Academy

Allison Garner was selected by the MSCPA to attend the Alabama Leadership Academy Class V. Offered through the Alabama Society of CPAs, the Academy includes:

- Four quarterly 8 hour in-person sessions beginning in May 2015 and concluding in May 2016. The other two classes are in late September and mid-January.
- Coaching calls, individual and firm projects between in-person sessions.
- Webinars and reading assignments between in-person sessions.
- Graduation and special recognition awards at the final session.

Allison is originally from Grenada and

currently resides in Oxford. She received both her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees of Accountancy from The University of Mississippi's Patterson School of Accountancy. Allison interned at Horne LLP

during her senior year of college and at Borg Warner upon completion of her Master's Degree. She has worked the past 4 years



Allison Garner

in corporate accounting with her current employer, FNC, Inc., a mortgage software technology company.

Allison is a member of the AICPA, MS Society of CPAs, and the MS Young CPA Network. Allison served on the board for the MS Young CPA Network for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. She is very active on the Industry Committee for the MS Society of CPAs and serves as the millennial chair.

Allison's community involvement consists of Young Professionals of Oxford, where she served on the Our Team Our Town board, and helped with FNC's yearly United Way fundraisers.

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# HADDOX REID WINS NATIONAL AWARD

On May 5, 2016, the Association for Accounting Marketing (AAM) announced the winners of the We AAM to Serve Contest at the AAM-MAAs Gala in New Orleans.

Haddox Reid Eubank Betts PLLC was announced as the 2016 "Small Firm Winner" for Outstanding Civic and Philanthropic Leadership at the AAM-MAA's Gala.

AAM strongly believes in giving back to the community - whether it's serving food, building homes, picking up trash, running a race, or walking a walk. Accounting firms shared the story of how they served their community. All submissions were reviewed by the We AAM to Serve Committee. Three winners were determined based on involvement, creativity, and the overall feel of the firm's philanthropic story. Submissions were categorized based on firm size. The three winning firms were announced at the AAM Summit AAM-MAAs Gala and will be showcased on

social media, in the AAM Minute, in AAM member mailings, and on the AAM Website.

The Gala took place during the Association's 2016 Summit in New Orleans on May 5th. This year's summit marked the 27th edition for the organization. The AAM Summit is the largest event hosted by the association. Accounting marketing and business development professionals, as well as partners and firm administrators attend the Summit annually to connect with colleagues and learn new strategies to enhance their firm's marketing and promotion efforts.

"Our support of the communities in which we live and work is a very important part of who we are. Winning this award is a tribute to our generous people's willingness to participate in, lead and financially support a variety of community, civic, religious and educational organizations and institutions," said Paul Calhoun, Managing Partner.

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# CPE August-September 2016

**8/18-19/2016**

Thursday - Friday  
Jackson  
Hilton-Jackson

## **Governmental Annual Accounting and Auditing Conference**

**Discussion Leader:** Panel

**Cost: Members:** \$280 **Non-Members:** \$380 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$0

**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30

**Level:** **CPE Credit:** 16 **VENDOR:** SELF **ACRONYM:** GAAC

Course objectives and description: As the date for this event approaches, please access the MSCPA web site for details and registration information on this conference. [www.ms-cpa.org](http://www.ms-cpa.org)

**8/25/2016**

Thursday  
Ridgeland  
Embassy

## **Banking and Finance Conference**

**Discussion Leader:** Panel

**Cost: Members:** \$200 **Non-Members:** \$275 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$0

**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30

**Level:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 **VENDOR:** SELF **ACRONYM:** BFC

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**9/20/2016**

Tuesday  
Ridgeland  
MSCPA Center

## **Ethics, Rules, and Regulations**

**Discussion Leader:** William F. (Bill) Taylor, CPA

**Cost: Members:** \$145 **Non-Members:** \$185 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$0

**Course Hours:** 8:30-12

**Level:** Update **CPE Credit:** 4 Ethics **VENDOR:** SELF **ACRONYM:** ERR-8

Course objectives and description: This seminar satisfies the State Board's requirement for three hours of general ethics and one hour of Mississippi Rules and Regulations

**9/20/2016**

Tuesday  
Ridgeland  
MSCPA Center

## **From Hiring to Firing and Everything In-Between: Legal and Payroll Tax Issues**

**Discussion Leader:** William F. (Bill) Taylor, CPA

**Cost: Members:** \$145 **Non-Members:** \$185 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$0

**Course Hours:** 1:00-4:30

**Level:** Basic **CPE Credit:** 4 Tax **VENDOR:** SURGENT **ACRONYM:** HFE4

Course objectives and description: The employer-employee relationship strains both sides in a troubled economy, and businesses need CPAs, controllers, and other advisors to provide understanding of the complex legal and payroll tax issues associated with all aspects of employment. This course provides in-depth coverage of this critical area.

**9/21/2016**

Wednesday  
Ridgeland  
MSCPA Center

## **Construction Contractors Advanced Issues**

**Discussion Leader:** Andrew C. (Andy) Copeland, CPA

**Cost: Members:** \$260 **Non-Members:** \$335 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$30

**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30

**Level:** Update **CPE Credit:** 6 A&A 2 Tax **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CCAI

Course objectives and description: The construction industry comes with many advanced accounting issues, audit procedures, and tax issues, which makes construction contractor engagements inherently higher risk than other engagements. As a result, practitioners and financial professionals should be prepared to address difficult issues such as look-back calculations, measuring progress of contracts, overhead allocations, and internal controls for construction contractors. Learn about some of the most pervasive issues in the construction industry and how to identify and manage

**9/23/2016**

Friday  
Ridgeland  
MSCPA Center

## **Health Care Services Seminar**

**Discussion Leader:** Panel

**Cost: Members:** \$220 **Non-Members:** \$295 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$0

**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30

**Level:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 TBD **VENDOR:** SELF **ACRONYM:** HCSS

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**9/27/2016****Surgent's Handbook for Mastering Basis, Distributions, and Loss Limitation Issues for S Corporations, LLCs, and Partnerships**

Tuesday

**Discussion Leader:** Jonathan S. Ingber, CPA

Ridgeland

**Cost: Members:** \$260 **Non-Members:** \$335 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$0

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**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**Level:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 Tax **VENDOR:** SURGENT **ACRONYM:** HMBI

Course objectives and description: The most difficult concepts to master when dealing with flow-through business entities are the basis and distribution concepts. Major error and malpractice issues occur if the CPA does not fully understand the impact of these rules. This course is designed to focus on the practical applications of these rules.

**9/28/2016****Preparing Individual Tax Returns for New Staff and Para-Professionals**

Wednesday

**Discussion Leader:** Jonathan S. Ingber, CPA

Ridgeland

**Cost: Members:** \$260 **Non-Members:** \$335 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$0

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**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**Level:** Basic **CPE Credit:** 8 Tax **VENDOR:** SURGENT **ACRONYM:** PITR

Course objectives and description: The objective of this course is to train new staff accountants, data processing employees, para-professionals, and bookkeepers to prepare a complicated federal individual income tax return. Over the years, thousands of new staff have received practical, hands-on experience to become familiar with most tax forms. This course covers the latest tax law changes, making it essential for your new staff.



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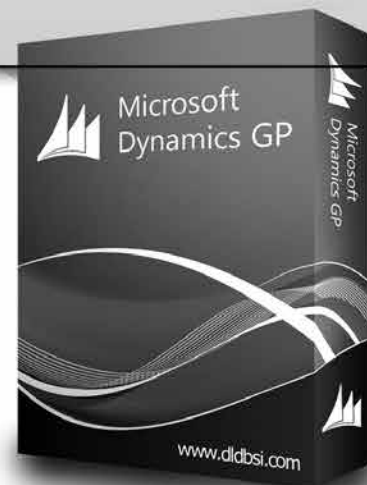
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Stocks received his undergraduate degree in accounting from Trevecca Nazarene University, his master's degree from Middle Tennessee State University and his Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina. He is a certified public accountant in the state of Mississippi.

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MSCPA Committees met Thursday, May 12 for Committee Day at the MSCPA Training Center where committees planned their program of work for the new fiscal year.

The 3rd annual leadership luncheon was held in conjunction with Committee Day for incoming/outgoing Committee Chairmen, incoming/outgoing Millennial Chairmen, AICPA Council Representative, candidates for office this year, and MSCPA officers.



2016-2017 Chairman Charles Prince



Leadership luncheon guest speaker Harris H. (Trip) Barnes III, attorney at law



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