

JIMMIE BLOUNT AND DAVE NICHOLS Outstanding Educators



Jimmie Blount, Instructor in Accounting at Delta State University, and Dave Nichols, Associate Professor of Accountancy at the University of Mississippi, have been named the 2021 MSCPA Outstanding Educators.

Jimmie has been an Instructor in Accounting at Delta State University for 16 years. After receiving a Bachelor of Science in accounting and business from Delta State University in 1970, he began his accounting career as a staff accountant with Orsborn & Sutphen in Greenwood. He then went on to work as a CPA in industry for Staplcoth, Farmers Grain Terminal, Delta Pride Catfish and Farmers Supply Coop.



Before instructing at Delta State, Jimmie taught various accounting classes at Carroll Academy, Mississippi Delta Community College, and Mississippi Valley State University.

Jimmie's desire to help his students learn has influenced many students. His patience and detail in explanation in two of the hardest accounting classes is legendary. While teaching the classes, he holds the standards high. Because of his work experience in industry, he brings many practical examples to

the classroom which help the students understand.

As one of his students said, "Using real world examples from his experience as a CPA, he bridged the gap between the monotonous textbook material to useable real-world application." Mr. Blount is also a strong advocate for his students' success, emphasizing the importance of continuing their education by pursuing the CPA designation.

Jimmie has received excellent faculty reviews from students and his division chair. His love of teaching has not gone unnoticed by students who selected him as the DSU College of Business Outstanding Faculty in 2007.

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IN MEMORIAM

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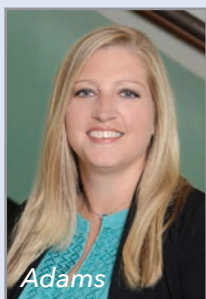
Amanda is a Member at Watkins Uiberall, PLLC in Tupelo.

Amanda is a 1997 graduate of the University of

Southern Mississippi where she earned a degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting. She also earned her Master of Business Administration from the University of South Alabama in 1998. She started her career working for a small firm in Hattiesburg and later worked for HORNE LLP as a tax supervisor in their Laurel office. After hurricane Katrina devastated south Mississippi in 2005, Amanda moved to north Mississippi and went to work for Nail McKinney Professional Association in Tupelo before starting her own firm in 2009. In 2014, while in the process of acquiring another small firm from a

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SHANNON ADAMS Rising Star



Shannon Adams has been named the 2021 MSCPA Rising Star.

The Rising Star Award recognizes an outstanding young CPA in Mississippi age 40 or under who has demonstrated exemplary leadership skills and involvement in the MSCPA, the Young CPA Network, the accounting profession and the community. First awarded in 2015, the Rising Star is selected by the MSCPA Executive Committee.

Shannon is the Immediate Past President of the MSCPA Young CPA Network and serves as the YCPA representative on the MSCPA Board of Governors. Shannon's leadership as YCPA President was vital in propelling the growth in participation in the MSCPA Annual Day of Service. Shannon served as Millennial Chair for the MSCPA Accounting and Auditing Committee from 2016-2020 and now serves as Chair. She is also a member

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retiring owner, Watkins Uiberall, PLLC based out of Memphis, TN, approached Amanda to represent their tax department in their Tupelo office alongside Randy Gammill who is the audit Member for the office. Amanda has been a Member at Watkins Uiberall since 2016. This is Amanda's 22nd year of practice.

Amanda is a member of the MSCPA Northeast Chapter and previously served as the chapter's President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer. She is very involved in her community and currently serves as a board member for the Rotary Club of Tupelo, Health Care Foundation of North Mississippi, Regional Rehab Center, and Christian Women's Job Corps. She is a member of the Exchange Club of Tupelo (Past President), Junior Auxiliary of Tupelo, and the Tupelo Mah Jongg League. She completed the Jim Ingram Community Leadership Institute program in 2015. She is a 10 for Tupelo volunteer, Tupelo's largest serve day of litter cleanup and beautification projects, and volunteers as a financial services representative for the Imagine the Possibilities Career Expo. She is also a Community Development Foundation volunteer and recently volunteered with Tupelo's Back to Business Help and Resource Center to help businesses navigate through the application process for the MDA administered small business grants. Amanda has been a Business Network International (BNI) chapter member for 12 years and is the current regional director consultant for 23 chapters. She is a past advisor for Alpha Delta Pi Sorority for the University of Southern Mississippi and Mississippi State University as well as the Treasurer for the House Corporation at the University of Mississippi. She is the Treasurer of Oak Meadows Homeowners Association and is a board member and current Vice President/President-Elect for the Tupelo Country Club. She plays tennis with Tupelo Tennis and was a mixed doubles regional semifinalist in 2019 and a past club champion. She is an active member of First Baptist Church in Tupelo and volunteers as a stewardship committee member and Past Treasurer and youth leader.

Amanda's hard work and philanthropic efforts have also been rewarded. She was named a 2018 Influential Women Honoree by Mud and Magnolias Magazine. She has received the BNI Notable Networker Award in recognition of outstanding performance for highest referrals, one to one meetings, and "thank you for closed business." She is the Boy and Girls Clubs of North Mississippi's Annual "Dance Like the Stars" 2014 Grand Champion, having raised the most money. And she also placed second in the New Expectations for Women in Mississippi (NEWMS) Annual Lip Sync Battle fundraiser.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

I want to thank you for the opportunity to have served as your Chairman for 2020-21. It has been one of the greatest experiences in my career, and I was honored to represent you in such a capacity.

I joined the Society in 1993, but it was not until 2003 that became an active member. Dr. Quinton Booker asked me to volunteer for the Awards, Education and Scholarships committee. I quickly learned to appreciate the work of this committee and the dedication that my fellow members had for advancing accounting education in Mississippi. Eighteen years later, I am still passionate about the mission of the Society.

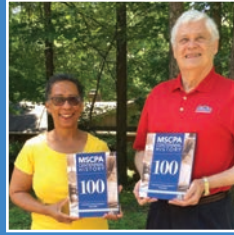
This year, a world-wide pandemic changed how we delivered CPE courses, how we met to conduct Society business, and how we volunteered on community service projects. It did not, however, change our 100-year old commitment to maintaining high ethical standards and promoting the interests of the profession.

It has been a distinct privilege to work with Dr. James W. Davis and Dr. Dale L. Flesher on the MSCPA Centennial History: A Century of CPAs in Mississippi book. I thank them for allowing me to fulfill a life-long ambition, while documenting our Society's past and present.

Finally, I want to thank Karen Moody and her staff, our officer/committee volunteers and the sponsors for providing the lifeblood of the Society. I look forward to supporting the leadership of our Chairman-Elect, Ricky Bullock, as I step into the role of Immediate Past Chairman for 2021-2022.

As we head into the next century, I just want to say, keep up the good work! We take our hats off to the past and roll our sleeves up to the future!

Annette Pridgen - 2020-2021 MSCPA Chairman

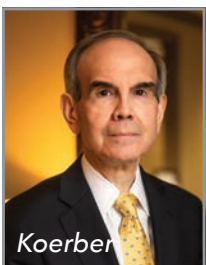


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Koerber Authors Chapters for 6th Edition of Economic Damages Book



Jim Koerber, CPA/ABV/CFF authored two chapters on personal injury/wrongful death and employment discrimination/wrongful termination for Business Valuation Resources' recently published 6th edition of The Comprehensive Guide to Economic Damages. Koerber is a Director in the Hattiesburg, Mississippi office of Postlethwaite & Netterville, APAC, and is part of the firm's Forensic & Valuation Services team.

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Dr. Nichols has been a faculty member in the Patterson School of Accountancy at Ole Miss for 30 years. He currently holds the Horne LLP Lectureship in Accountancy. He received his Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University and joined the Ole Miss faculty in January, 1991. His bachelors and master's degrees are also from Oklahoma State.

He published numerous articles (approximately 30) during his early years on the faculty and won the School of Accountancy's Outstanding Researcher Award in 1997. He has also participated on textbooks authored by others by preparing reviews, test banks, and other auxiliary materials.

Dave's real strength is his teaching abilities. He has won the School's Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award on five occasions. He typically has the heaviest teaching load of any faculty member in the School of Accountancy. One of the courses he teaches in the spring semester (and now also the summer) is the CPA Review Course, which over the past eleven years has resulted in tremendously improved pass rates for the students who take the class, averaging approximately 85% over the 2009 to 2020 period. Typically, about 150 students sign up for this course each year.

Dr. Nichols has also taught Advanced Accounting, Intermediate I and II, Principles of Accounting I and II, and the graduate Accounting Theory course. In addition to his on-campus course load, Dr. Nichols has until recently been the only faculty member in Accountancy who teaches online courses. To summarize Dave's teaching career, not only is he a great teacher, but he has also influenced many lives as a result of the thousands of students whom he has taught and mentored over the years.

In recent years, younger faculty have also benefited from Dave's example. He tries to mentor new faculty members as they join the Patterson School of Accountancy. Dave also serves as the Director of the coordinated Principles of Accounting 1 and 2 courses taught by doctoral students. His service to others also extends to his campus service. For example, he serves on the campus wide Graduate Council (having previously served on Undergraduate Council for many years). In both groups he has served the School of Accountancy with distinction. In addition, he serves as the Patterson School of Accountancy's assessment coordinator to determine whether students are learning what the faculty think is being learned. Dave has also served on many search committees over the years, both campus-wide and within the Patterson School. For example, he has long served on, and recently chaired, the faculty search committee.

Dr. Dave Nichols has had an illustrious career at Ole Miss where he has taught many of the younger members of the MSCPA.

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of the MSCPA Young CPA Liaison Committee. Selected as the MSCPA's participant, Shannon graduated from the year-long Alabama Leadership Academy. As her project for the Academy, Shannon envisioned and implemented an Employee Appreciation Program that is now a staple in her firm's culture. She implemented a program that communicates the value of employees as individuals and supports them in their careers.

Shannon joined Matthews, Cutrer and Lindsay | CPAs in Ridgeland after graduating from Delta State University in 2006. Shannon has developed extensive experience working with nonprofit organizations and in small business consulting. She has audited a plethora of nonprofit organizations, including foundations, health and welfare organizations, trade associations, religious organizations, Rural Development and HUD family housing projects. In addition, she has worked heavily in the area of taxation for non-profit organizations. She was the co-coordinator of Matthews, Cutrer and Lindsay's transition to the new IRS Form 990 which includes preparation of the new IRS Form 990 and training of staff. She has also participated in several presentations to nonprofit organizations regarding the new IRS Form 990. Shannon spends countless hours mentoring staff and interns. She spends additional time to provide them with the more valued learning opportunities when the end result could be faster by doing it herself. However, her commitment is the betterment of those she teaches. She has accepted numerous leadership roles at MCL that have helped instill an inclusive and family friendly culture.

Shannon is Treasurer on the Board of Directors of CASA Mississippi, Inc. and is Secretary of the Movers & Shaker's Business Networking International of Flowood. She is a former member of Circle of Red for the American Heart Association. She has also been the coordinator and/or participant in community service efforts at Matthews, Cutrer and Lindsay such as penny collections, school supplies drive, book drives, canned food donations, and even Bible collection initiatives.

Shannon was an adjunct 2020 professor as a working CPA/mom to three daughters who moonlit as a teacher. Shannon is consistently instilling and modeling her dedication and work ethic into the next generation of CPAs.

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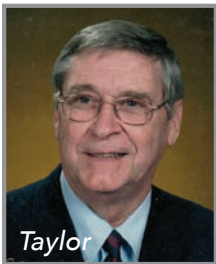


MEET OUR MEMBERS

Legacy Spotlights

As a tribute to the 100th Anniversary of the MSCPA, we have spotlighted members during our Centennial Celebration who are legacies of the profession – MSCPA members whose family is or was also a MSCPA member CPA, accountant, or accounting student.

Bennie Taylor



Bennie Taylor received a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accountancy and an Master of Business Administration from The University of

Mississippi. He and his wife, Julia, have been familiar faces at MSCPA conventions and other functions for over 50 years.

Bennie began his accounting career in 1961 with the Internal Revenue Service in Tupelo. After learning the public accounting side of the business with Will Polk, CPA in Batesville, Bennie opened his own practice in Water Valley in 1965. He was named to the board of one of his clients, the Bank of Water Valley, and later left public accounting to take over as CEO of the bank.

In 1987, Bennie left the banking world and went back to school, at least briefly, to get an Alabama Real Estate license. He spent the next couple of decades purchasing and restoring residential real estate in Gulf Shores and Orange Beach. He is now retired and living in Water Valley once again.

William F. "Bill" Taylor



Bennie's son, Bill Taylor, is also a familiar face to Mississippi CPAs. He met many of them as a child at the Broadwater Beach Hotel, the site of

the MSCPA Annual Conventions in the early 1970s. A few years later he followed the family tradition and headed to Ole Miss, leaving with a BBA in Banking and Finance and a Master of Accountancy in Taxation.

Bill began his accounting career in 1990 in the Jackson office of KPMG Peat Marwick. He was told that he had "volunteered" to be the Employee Benefit specialist for the office, and developed a specialty in retirement and estate planning. After leaving KPMG, he worked with several accounting firms and other businesses in the state as a consultant. In 1999 he started Benefit Solutions, LTD, an investment advisory firm, in 1999 and managed funds for retirement plans. He has also served as an adjunct professor at his alma mater, the University of Mississippi.

In 2007, he was able to return home as President of Renasant Bank in Water Valley, the successor of the bank where he had worked as a teller in high school. He left the bank in 2013 to focus on presenting Continuing Professional Education seminars full time.

Bill has been active in the MSCPA throughout his career serving as the MSPCA 2017-18 Society Chairman, a Board member,

and a chair or member of various committees, including seven years as chairman of the CPE Committee. Many MSCPA members know him from the continuing education seminars he has led throughout the state (and nation). With a recent trip to Alaska, Bill has now presented CPE programs in all 50 states. Bill remains active in the CPE field, leading fifty to sixty live seminars per year throughout the United States in addition to webinars and self-study courses. He has conducted seminars for the AICPA, the American Society of Pension Professionals and Actuaries, numerous state CPA and Bar associations and other organizations, and has received the AICPA's Outstanding Discussion Leader and the James L. McCoy Discussion Leader of the Year award from Surgent & Associates.

Keeping with Bill's experience with CPE programs, it is perhaps no surprise that the biggest accomplishment during his year as chairman was the MSCPA's embarkation to on-line CPE programs. Although going live with the programs occurred on Taylor's watch, he is quick to admit that it was the result of several years of preparation and hard work by the CPE Committee and the MSCPA staff.

Bill and his wife Pam now live in Taylor, MS (no, the town was not named for him, but he might tell you otherwise). Their three daughters, Mary Cloud, Sally Kate and Coley, are all grown and scattered now, but the whole family has been active in the MSCPA – or at least active on the beach in Destin during conventions. Maybe in a few years there will be another generation of Taylors roaming the grounds at Sandestin.



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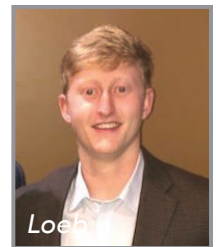
Camille Olson of Southlake, Texas graduated cum laude from the University of Mississippi with both a Bachelor of Accountancy with a minor in General Finance and a Master of Accountancy. Camille was the recipient of the Edward A. DeMiller Jr. Scholarship in Accountancy. She is a member of the Delta Rho Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma at Ole Miss. She also worked as a graduate assistant of the Patterson School of Accountancy. Camille works as state and local tax associate with KPMG in Houston, Texas.



THE T.E. LOTT SILVER MEDAL:

Robert Loeb

Robert Loeb of Madison graduated from the University of Mississippi with both a Bachelor of Accountancy and a Master of Accountancy and Data Analytics. While at Ole Miss, he was a member of the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College as well as Phi Kappa Phi honor society. Robert is a member of Sigma Nu fraternity. He completed an internship with both KPMG and Ergon in 2019, and an internship with KPMG in 2020. He is now an associate with KPMG in Houston, Texas.



THE SILAS M. SIMMONS BRONZE MEDAL:

William Patrick Beene

Patrick Beene of Vicksburg graduated magna cum laude from the University of Mississippi with a Bachelor of Accountancy. While at Ole Miss, Patrick was the Student Body Senator and Student Body President of the Patterson School of Accountancy. Patrick is a level 2 CFA candidate. He completed a tax internship with KPMG in New Orleans, and a mergers and acquisitions internship with KPMG in New York in 2019. In June 2020, Patrick founded Beene Logistics (a trucking company) and Algorithmic Logistics (a trucking software and trucking management company) in Monroe, Louisiana.



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My wife and my daughters love to bake, and you can think of cybersecurity due diligence as a three-layer chocolate cake. Those three layers are

- (1) Ask the right cybersecurity questions in due diligence;
- (2) Your purchase agreement covers the gap; and
- (3) Suppress your urge to quickly integrate the seller's data and network.

The first layer of our cake is asking the right cybersecurity questions. You should consider starting with the following three question to the seller:

- a) Can you show me a schematic of your entire network and how data flows through it;
- b) How do cybersecurity issues get reported to the c-suite; and
- c) Do you have a written information security plan.

The network schematic is important because you want to know what assets are or are not on the seller's network. How does data flow through the network as it can show up in unexpected and vulnerable places like an employee's home computer. If you learn that cybersecurity issues are supposed to report to the c-suite through IT you should expect that security takes a back seat to expedient IT. During the pandemic when companies quickly pivoted to a remote workforce getting employees working remotely quickly far outweighed installing multi factor authentication. Lastly, if a company has no written information security plan, you can expect they have not given security much thought. You will also want to interview the c-suite as well as in people in charge of IT. Why? Many times, you will find what the c-suite thinks around security is very different than those responsible for the network and the data. It should not surprise you that many companies are 0 for 3 on these questions.

The second layer of our cake is the asset purchase agreement.

In most instances, when a buyer requests access to the seller's network during the deal the answer will be "No way". How do you bridge this knowledge gap? Enter the purchase agreement. You may want consider adding some additional representations and warranties that seller makes about its cybersecurity hygiene. One is that the network is not older than 3-5 years old. Why? I have handled ransomware engagements where the networks were 11-17 years old. It meant that revising encoded passwords or interfacing with such systems was impossible since those networks were simply too old to integrate with modern software. Another representation and warranty is that the seller uses multi factor authentication for its key employees who access critical systems. Multi factor authentication to access the network is the number one thing a company can do to enhance its cybersecurity hygiene. If the seller wants to strike these clauses it opens up the conversation as to why. The other thing you need to consider is that the average time a threat actor is in a network is around 270 days before engaging in their mayhem. That means the period between a deal closing and a data breach can easily be over a year. That means the asset purchase agreement should address this lag between closing and when the data breach might occur.

The last layer of the cake and along with the icing is post deal integration. This is the last line of your M&A cyber risk management strategy. The key is to resist your urge to immediate integrate the seller's network and data with your network. As noted, its unlikely that you were able to gain access to the network and data during diligence. Now that you own these assets you can send in your security team to find any unidentified security



issues BEFORE you integrate these assets. Consider that Marriott acquired Starwood who had an unidentified intrusion into their reservation system. That is bad but the story gets worse. When the deal closed the threat actor used the initial intrusion into Starwood's network to move across Marriott's network. How? Marriott integrated Starwood's reservation system with its own without detecting the initial intrusion. The result was the merged company had a data breach!

We now live in a digital world that relentlessly pursues efficiency. Managing cybersecurity risk properly usually undermines efficiency. When you read about the latest ransomware event you appreciate that business reassess how it balances efficiency and cyber risk and do it differently. In the

M&A context, you have a much better chance of enjoying dessert if you follow the three layer cake of cybersecurity due diligence.

Justin S. Daniels is Shareholder with Baker Donelson in Atlanta. He provides corporate advice to growth-oriented and middle market domestic and international technology businesses. He is passionate about cybersecurity and considers it a strategic business enterprise risk.



2021-2022 DUES CAN BE PAID ONLINE BEGINNING JULY 1

Members can pay dues online for MSCPA membership year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 beginning July 1. Go to <https://www.ms-cpa.org/> and login with your email and password. Then go to the Pay Dues page (under Members) to pay your dues for 2021-2022. If you need to change your member level, please contact Stephanie Edwards, MSCPA Director of Finance, at 601-856-4244.

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

AUGUST 12, 2021

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Young CPA Network Board Meeting and Committee Day Set

The Young CPA Network incoming Board will meet virtually on Tuesday, July 27, to discuss key topics for 2021-2022 and to elect new officers for the upcoming year. YCPA Committees will also meet virtually on July 27.

The YCPA Network is seeking volunteers for their YCPA Network Events, Day of Service, and Conference Committees for 2021-2022. If you are interested in volunteering, go to www.ms-cpa.org/membership/committees to volunteer online.

MSCPA Recognizes Jack Kaler, Outgoing YCPA President



The MSCPA would like to thank **Jack Kaler**, outgoing YCPA Network President, for his time and dedication to leading and growing the Network during a very challenging year amidst the pandemic. Jack is a Senior Accountant at GranthamPoole PLLC. He will represent the YCPA Network as Immediate Past President on the Board of Governors for the coming year.



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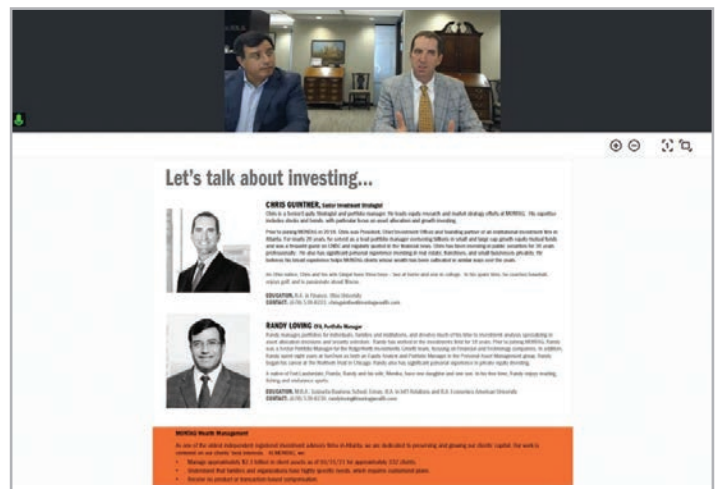
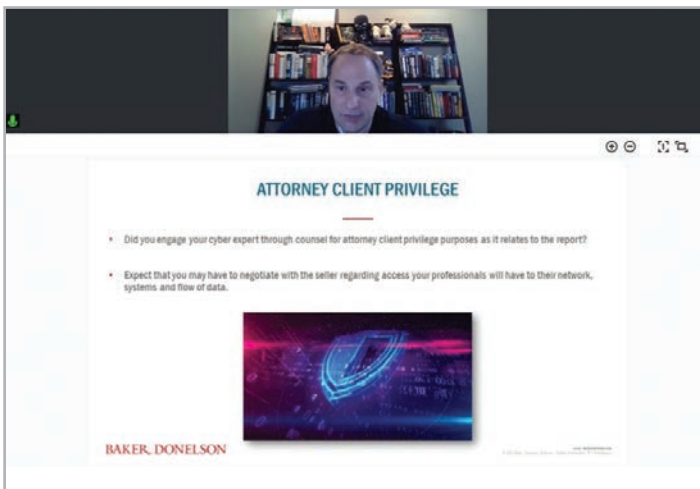
CONFERENCES

Business & Industry Management Development Conference

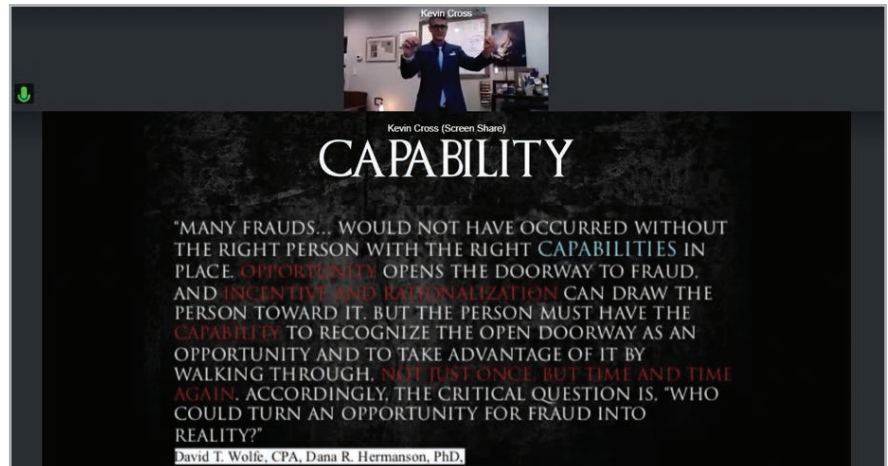
MSCPA hosted the annual Business & Industry Management Development Conference Tuesday and Wednesday, May 11-12, with 54 attending online and 10 attending in person at the MSCPA Training Center in Ridgeland. We heard from speakers Jennifer Louis; Joey Havens; Kevin Cross; Paul Voss; Justin Daniels; BancorpSouth Panel Brookie Aycock, Drew McIntyre, David Reeves, and Will Shurtleff; Chris Guinther; Randy Loving; and Tali Ploetz. Thank you to Industry Committee Chair Kimberly Williams, and committee members Katy Atkins, Brandon Kim, and Kristy Launius (pictured below) for attending in-person to help make this virtual conference possible.

Industry Committee Chairperson Kimberly Williams; Industry Committee Millennial Chair Allison Garner





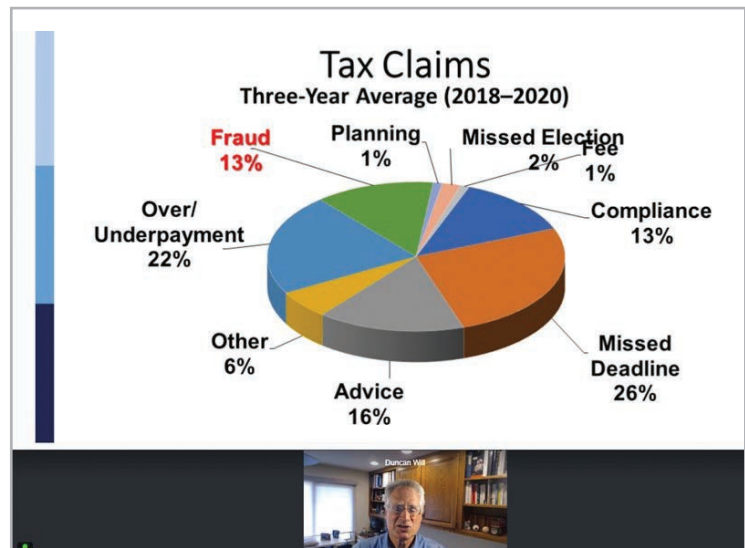
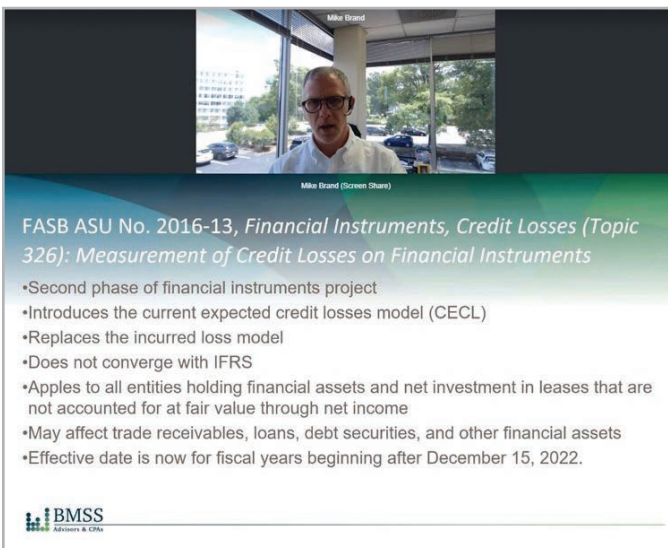
Business & Industry Management Development Conference Event Slides



Accounting and Auditing Conference

MSCPA hosted the annual Accounting and Auditing Conference Thursday, May 13, with 65 attending online and 4 attending in person at the MSCPA Training Center in Ridgeland. Attendees heard from speakers Michael Brand, Duncan Will, and David Cotton.

Accounting and Auditing Committee Chairperson Shannon Adams; Accounting and Auditing Committee Millennial Chair Jabe Mills



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CREDITS: 8

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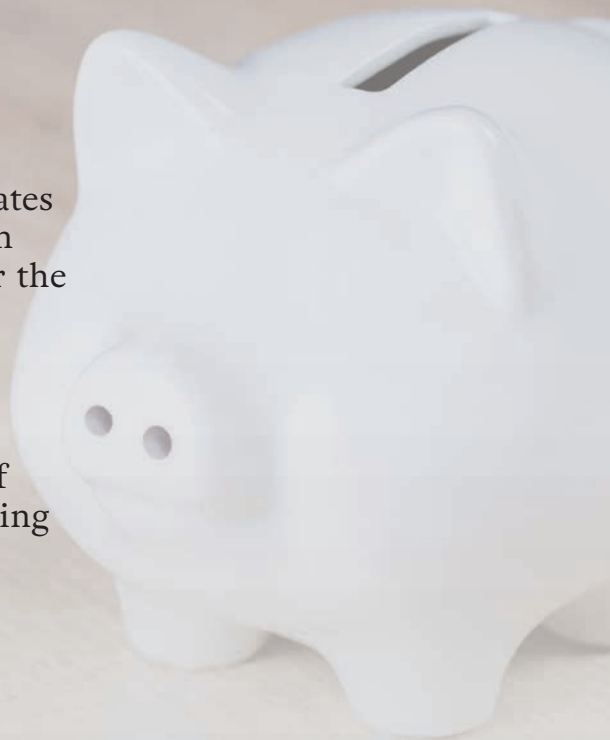
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 Time: 8:30am-12:00pm



7/12/2021
Mon

K2's Advanced QuickBooks Tips and Techniques
Speaker: Various

QuickBooks remains one of the leading accounting solutions for small and growing businesses and Intuit has added numerous advanced features to the application over the past few releases. In this seminar, you will learn how to take advantage of many of QuickBooks' new and advanced features to solve important issues. For example, you will learn advanced inventory management techniques, including the ability to change the default costing methodology in QuickBooks, and implementing lot and serial number tracking. You will also learn how to build complete sets of financial statements in Excel that link in real-time to underlying QuickBooks data files and how to create multi-company financial statements. Additionally, you will learn how to put the Client Data Review feature to work to streamline the process of identifying and correcting errors and closing accounting periods in QuickBooks. Knowing how to take advantage of the advanced tools and features available can determine your level of success when working with QuickBooks. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn about QuickBooks' "deep" features so that you maximize your effectiveness with the application.

ACRONYM:..... IOPCW
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 CPE Credit: 4 General
 Location: Online
 M / N: \$170 / \$210
 Time: 1:00pm-4:30pm



7/12/2021
Mon

K2's Improving Productivity with Office 365 Cloud Applications
Speaker: Various

With tools such as Data Models, Power Query, and Power Pivot, today's versions of Excel offer unparalleled opportunities to move beyond traditional reporting techniques. If you are interested in how to advance your reporting processes and minimize your dependence on formulas, then this is the one class you cannot afford to miss. In this session, you will learn about the importance of creating Data Models to facilitate your financial reporting processes and how you can use Power Pivot to assist in summarizing your data quickly and easily into compelling and interactive statements. You will also learn how to use Excel's Power Query feature to both link and transform data from external data sources – such as your accounting or ERP system – into Excel so that you use this data in your reports.

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 VENDOR: K2
 Level: Advanced
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7/13/2021
Tues

K2's Business Intelligence, Featuring Microsoft's Power BI Tools
Speaker: Various

In today's business climate, Business Intelligence (BI) is perhaps the hottest topic in most professional circles. Increasingly, organizations of all sizes are seeking to take advantage of the data that is available to them to identify previously undiscovered insights and gain competitive advantages thought to be out-of-reach just a few short years ago. A growing array of tools – ranging from Excel add-ins to dedicated solutions such as Power BI – now allow you to leverage your existing knowledge and skills to create powerful, interactive dashboards and analyses unthinkable until recently. In this program, you will learn how to implement "do it yourself business intelligence" using a variety of techniques and tools. You will learn how to work with some of the advanced data query and summarization features in Excel to create Excel-based dashboards and then you will learn how to leverage that knowledge to build even more powerful BI objects using Microsoft's Power BI tools. If gaining greater insights into your data to make better decisions is of interest to you, then join us for a fast-paced look at how you can take advantage of these fantastic tools.

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 Level:Intermediate
 CPE Credit:8 A&A
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 Time:8:30am-4:00pm



7/14/2021
Wed

K2's Excel Tips, Tricks, and Techniques for Accountants
Speaker: Various

Excel is the accountant's tool of choice for analyzing and reporting financial data, yet many use time-consuming and error-prone processes to complete everyday tasks. Regardless of your level of experience, if you use Excel, you need this course to learn more efficient and effective ways to work with Excel. In this course, you will learn countless tips, tricks, and techniques to improve your general level of productivity, reduce the amount of time you spend on mundane tasks, such as formatting, and customize Excel for greater accuracy and efficiency. You will also learn valuable formula-building skills, best practices for linking Excel data from other worksheets and workbooks, and how to streamline report generation and printing processes. Throughout the program, your K2 instructor will reinforce key learning points with practical, real-world examples that will improve your understanding and comprehension of the topics presented. This highly acclaimed course draws on over twenty-five years of experience in delivering spreadsheet training to accounting and financial professionals, which assures you of the relevance and usefulness of the information and guidance provided during the program.

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 VENDOR:K2
 Level:Advanced
 CPE Credit:8 A&A
 Location:Online
 M / N:\$290 / \$360
 Time:8:30am-4:00pm



8/9/2021
Mon

K2's Excel PivotTables for Accountants
Speaker: Various

PivotTables are widely considered the most powerful feature in Excel, yet most accounting and financial professionals do not use them in their day-to-day activities. If you are ready to learn how to take advantage of PivotTables or how to extend your existing knowledge of PivotTables, then you should make time to participate in this course. In this program, you will learn how to build PivotTables, how to group data inside PivotTables – including grouping options for fiscal periods – and how to create user-defined calculations in your PivotTables. You will also learn advanced PivotTable techniques, including how to build PivotTables that consolidate data from multiple data ranges and PivotTables dynamically connected to external databases and financial accounting systems. Additionally, you will learn how to take advantage of other Excel features associated with PivotTables, including Slicers, Power Query, and Power Pivot. At the end of the day, you will be a master of Excel PivotTables! If you have been leery of working with PivotTables or have struggled to realize their many benefits, this course is for you. With a little information, guidance, and coaching from your K2 instructor, you will be ready to use PivotTables to analyze and report on very large data sets in a fraction of the time you are spending presently to complete such tasks.

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 CPE Credit:8 A&A
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 M / N:\$290 / \$360
 Time:8:30am-4:00pm



8/10/2021
Tues

K2's QuickBooks for Accountants
Speaker: Various

QuickBooks is an extremely powerful product with features and capabilities of which many users are either not aware or do not know how to utilize effectively. This course helps you get more out of QuickBooks and QuickBooks Online and to resolve the issues with which even experienced QuickBooks users often struggle, such as locking down prior periods. This program starts out fast with a chapter covering the top issues accountants face with QuickBooks. The day continues with practical guidance and solutions designed to help accountants get the most out of QuickBooks for themselves and/or their clients. You will learn about issues, such as setting up a new company, configuring and customizing QuickBooks preferences, and enabling system security and password protection features. In addition, you will learn how to lock down transactions in prior periods, the audit trail, customizing reports, exporting reports to Excel, and extending QuickBooks' usefulness with tools such as the Fixed Asset Manager and Loan Manager. Despite the product's user-friendly design, the most common QuickBooks problems involve recording transactions incorrectly. To prevent these and other problems, adequate training is necessary. Help your company or client put the power of QuickBooks to work, the right way. Register for this professional educational seminar today!

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 CPE Credit:.....4 General
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8/11/2021
Wed

K2's Testing and Auditing Excel Workbooks
Speaker: Various

Excel errors continue to plague organizations of all sizes and as spreadsheets become ever-more common, the effects of these errors will continue to impact virtually every Excel user and those who rely on Excel-based data and analyses. Fortunately, that need not be the case because many options exist to prevent, identify, and correct spreadsheet errors before they adversely affect reports and decision-making processes. In this session you will learn how to apply best practices to reduce the error rate in workbooks that you and others on your team create and edit. Equally important, you will learn how to take advantage of add-ins for Excel that can programmatically scan and audit your spreadsheets to identify potentially disastrous errors while there is still time to correct them. You do not want to miss this opportunity to learn how tools such as PerfectXL, ClusterSeven, and ActiveData can help you and your team to identify and correct potentially disastrous spreadsheet errors.

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 VENDOR:.....K2
 Level:.....Intermediate
 CPE Credit:.....4 General
 Location:.....Online
 M / N:.....\$170 / \$210
 Time:.....8:30am-12:00pm



8/11/2021
Wed

K2's Top PDF Features You Should Know
Speaker: Various

Stop struggling with PDFs! Using Adobe Acrobat, and other PDF tools, provides access to a number of features, which make working with these common files a breeze. In this course, you will learn how to use tools and features, such as PDF forms, redaction, converting PDFs to Word and Excel files, electronic signatures, creating and applying tick marks, building indices and catalogs, portfolios, and securing PDF documents, to their fullest in order to work more effectively and efficiently with PDF documents. The popularity and usefulness of PDFs increases daily, but most PDF users have not learned how to manipulate PDF documents effectively. Accordingly, they struggle and strain with these very common files. You do not need to let this be the case. Join us in this very timely program where you will learn the top features necessary to optimize your work with PDF documents.

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 VENDOR:.....MSCPA
 Level:.....Update
 CPE Credit:.....16 A&A
 Location:.....Online
 M / N:.....\$295 / \$395
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8/19-20/2021
Thurs-Fri

Governmental Accounting and Auditing Conference
Speaker: Various

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 VENDOR:.....MSCPA
 Level:.....Update
 CPE Credit:.....8 General
 City:.....Ridgeland
 Location:.....MSCPA Training Center / Online
 M / N:.....\$200 / \$275
 Time:.....8:30am-4:30pm



8/24/2021
Tues

Banking and Finance Conference
Speaker: Various

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 Level:.....Update
 CPE Credit:.....8 Tax
 City:.....Ridgeland
 Location:.....MSCPA Training Center / Online
 M / N:.....\$215 / \$215
 Time:.....8:30am-4:30pm



8/26/2021
Thurs

Agriculture and Farm Activities Conference
Speaker: Various

This conference covers special tax rules and tax accounting methods pertaining to agricultural and farming activities and recent tax law changes that affect farmers. Visit the website at www.ms-cpa.org for a complete agenda.

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