



Michael Cole

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PRACTICE AREA & SPECIALIZATION

Audit

Revenue Recognition/
ASC 606

Mergers & Acquisitions

Investigative Analytics

Quality of Earnings
Analysis

INDUSTRIES SERVED

Manufacturing, Retail &
Distribution

Real Estate & Hospitality

Media & Entertainment

CREDENTIALS AND CERTIFICATIONS

CPA, California

EDUCATION

BS, Business
Administration,
Pepperdine University

Michael has over 20 years of experience in public accounting and provides audit services to privately held companies. Michael has significant experience in providing audit and assurance services to middle-market companies primarily in the manufacturing, retail, and distribution sector with specialties in the food and beverage, consumer products, recycling, and aerospace industry sectors. He also serves companies in the hospitality and behavioral health industries. In addition to audits, reviews, and compilations for private companies, Michael also delivers due diligence services for mergers and acquisitions transactions, including buy-side and sell-side Quality of Earnings engagements. He works with HCVT's Data Analytics team on special forensic accounting projects to assist companies in identifying weaknesses in internal controls and recommending potential opportunities for improvements.

After graduating from Pepperdine University, Michael was an accountant in private industry for four years and then began his career in public accounting at KPMG LLP, where he served as an audit manager before joining HCVT. This private industry experience, coupled with his experience in public accounting, allows Michael to provide a balanced perspective to his clients as he understands many of the issues encountered in their business.

Michael is the chair of HCVT's audit department training and quality control committees. He is a member of the California Society of Certified Public Accountants (CalCPA) and serves on the CalCPA Accounting Education Committee. He is also a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and is currently serving a three-year term on the AICPA's national governing council. Michael is also a member of the Association for Corporate Growth (ACG) and ProVisors and actively serves on committees for both organizations. Michael serves on the audit committee of the Assistance League of Long Beach, assists the Los Altos YMCA with raising funds for its annual giving campaign, and is a frequent guest speaker at the accounting program at Cal State Long Beach.

Professional and Community Involvement

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
Association for Corporate Growth
California Society of Certified Public Accountants
ProVisors
Assistance League of Long Beach, Audit Committee

Articles

Preparing Your Business for Lease Accounting Changes
October 22, 2021

New Revenue Recognition Landscape for Manufacturers and Distributors
Five high-impact changes affecting the Industry
September 10, 2020

Seven Steps to Optimize Your Physical Inventory
December 21, 2016

SEC Issues Reg A+ to Help Private Companies Obtain Capital
December 15, 2015

Five Steps to Plan Ahead for the New Lease Accounting Standard
November 16, 2015

Goodwill, To Amortize or Not to Amortize
October 22, 2015

Five Tips for Planning a Successful Physical Inventory
October 13, 2015