

# PEOPLE

## ALABAMA

**Chris Cain** has been promoted to partner in the Birmingham office of **Carr, Riggs & Ingram LLC**.

## CALIFORNIA

**Paul Maurin** has joined **RSM McGladrey**, Pasadena, as a director of wealth management services. ... **Brian Yacker**, a partner at **Windes & McClaughry Accountancy Corp.**, Long Beach, has been named chair for the Office of Professional Responsibility Subgroup for the **IRS Advisory Council**.

## COLORADO

**Lou Bush** has joined **Mueller & Associates CPA LLC**, Loveland, as an associate. ... **Gaylen R. Hansen**, an audit partner and director of quality assurance at **Ehrhardt Keefe Steiner & Hottman PC**, Denver, has been appointed to a third term on the **PCAOB's** Standing Advisory Group.

## CONNECTICUT

**Dennis J. Regan** and **Thomas Krywinski** have joined the recently opened **Shelton** office of **BlumShapiro** as partners.

## FLORIDA

**Andre Couriel** has joined the South Florida office of **Harvey, Covington & Thomas LLC** as a supervisor, and **Ken Sinclair** as an auditor, both in the Governmental Audit Department. ... **Peter Gampel** has joined **Fiske & Co.**, Plantation, as a director in the Business Valuation, Forensic Accounting and Litigation Services Practice Group.

## GEORGIA

**LeighAnn H. Costley**, a tax principal at **UHY Advisors GA Inc.**, Atlanta, has been named one of the *Atlanta Business Chronicle's* Up & Comers/40 Under 40 Rising Stars for 2009. ... **David Evans** has been named managing member of the Atlanta office of **Dixon Hughes PLLC**. He also received the Outstanding Young Alum Award from the **University of Tennessee**. ... **Michael I. Levy** has joined **Habif, Arogeti & Wynne LLP**, Atlanta, as director of merger and acquisition services.

## ILLINOIS

**Mark Hildebrand**, a partner with **Crowe Horwath LLP**, Oak Brook, has been named to the Board of Directors of the **American Institute of CPAs** for a three-year term. ... **Jennifer Wood** has joined **Sikich LLP**, Aurora, as

a senior tax manager. ... **Kathy Hopkins** and **Michelle Gill** have joined **Simons Bitzer & Associates**, Indianapolis, as an accounting and controllership specialist and as technical services administrator, respectively. In addition, **Michelle Goshert** has been promoted to accounting analyst.

## INDIANA

**Anita W. Sherman**, a partner at **Greenwall CPAs**, Indianapolis, has received the **Indiana CPA Society's** Outstanding CPA in Public Practice Award. ... **Susie M. Keaton** has joined the tax team of **Somerset CPAs**, Indianapolis, as a senior manager.

## MARYLAND

**Edwin R. Brake**, managing director of **Ellin & Tucker Chartered**, Baltimore, has been elected chairman of the Board of Directors of the **Economic Alliance of Greater Baltimore**, while **R. Christopher Rosenthal**, a director in the Forensic and Valuation Services Group, has received a 2009 Unsung Hero Award, in recognition of his volunteer work over the past 17 years with the **South Baltimore Learning Center**. ... **Ronald Dochter**, of **Accounting Business Service** of Bel Air, has been elected president of the Maryland/D.C./Delaware Chapter of the **National Association of Tax Professionals**.

## MASSACHUSETTS

**Gray, Gray & Gray LLP**, Westwood and Framingham, announced a number of promotions: **Steve Challis** has been promoted to manager, **Lauren DeMayo** to supervisor, **Gina Gerasimidis** to supervisor, and **Mark Wood** to IT manager.

## MICHIGAN

**Vincent Tomkinson** has been named managing partner of the Southfield office of **Grant Thornton LLP**.

## MINNESOTA

**Brent W. Rolling** has been named a principal at **Burke, Wheeler Associates PA**, Oakdale.

## MISSOURI

**Sheryl Lewis** has joined **Brown Smith Wallace LLC**, St. Louis, as a supervisor in the Tax Services Group, while **Christopher Cyr** has joined **BSW Small Business Services LLC**, St. Louis, as a staff accountant. In addition, partner and Financial Advisory Services Group practice leader **Donna Beck Smith**

has been named a winner in the sixth annual Stevie Awards for Women in Business, in the category of Best Executive in a service business with up to 2,500 employees. ... **Dennis Thomas** has joined **Jones, Nale & Mattingly**, St. Louis, as a partner.

## NEW JERSEY

**Muhammad F. Padela**, of **MSPC CPAs and Advisors**, Cranford, has earned the Certified in Financial Forensics credential from the **American Institute of CPAs**.

## NEW YORK

**Deloitte Financial Advisory Services LLP** announced a number of promotions: **Narendra Ganti**, in Washington, D.C., has been admitted as a partner; **Matthew Larson**, in Atlanta, has been admitted as a principal; and **Michael Binz**, **Paul Blutter**, **Vincent Borriello**, **Steven Gottlieb**, **James Jordan**, **Brian McDonald**, **Philip Rosenberg** and **Stephanie Vettese** have been promoted to director. ... **Tom Jones** has been named director of the Center for the Study of International Accounting Standards and Distinguished Professor in the Practice of International Accounting at the Lubin School of Business at **Pace University**, New York. ... **Sandra J. Peters** has joined the **CFA Institute**, New York, as head of its Financial Reporting Policy Group. ... **Randall Shepard** has been admitted as a partner at **The Bonadio Group**, Rochester. ... **Jim Alajbegu** has joined **Amper, Politziner & Mattia**, New York City, as a partner in the International Tax Services Group. ... **Steven D. Brett** has joined **Marcum Financial Services LLC**, Melville, as its new president. ... **Meyer Mintz** and **William Saya** have been promoted to partner at **Berdon LLP**, New York City. ... **Ronald A. Kaplan** has joined **J.H. Cohn LLP**, New York, as a partner and director of the real estate industry practice.

## NORTH CAROLINA

**Barton W. Baldwin**, Mount Olive, received the 2009 William H. Van Rensselaer Award from the **National Association of State Boards of Accountancy**. He served as NASBA's chair in 2003. ... **Tracy Valentine** has been promoted to tax supervisor at **Davenport, Marvin, Joyce & Co. LLP**, Greensboro, while **Jonathan Peddrick** has been promoted to senior health care consultant at **DMJ Healthcare Consulting**.

## NORTH DAKOTA

The partners of **Eide Bailly LLP**, Fargo, elected a number of new members to its Board of

Directors for three-year terms: **Linda Koerselman**, director of the Financial Institutions Group; **James Lyons**, partner-in-charge of the firm's Colorado offices; **Kevin Andersen**, partner-in-charge of the Boise office; and **Mark Martens**. The board appointed Andersen its chair and Martens its vice chair for one-year terms.

## OHIO

**Cohen & Co.** announced eight new employees: **Katey Vanderwyst**, **Brad Jones**, **Adam Schultz**, **Rani Gilady**, **Jessica Varner**, **Ellen Stafford** and **Kevin Carney**. ... **Karin M. Spoerke**, a senior manager with the Assurance Service Group of **Meaden & Moore**, Cleveland, has been elected to the Board of Directors for **PetFix Northeast Ohio**.

## PENNSYLVANIA

Senior accountant **Jessica L. Brunner** and advanced staff accountant **Nicholas L. Bieber**, of **Herbein + Co. Inc.**, Reading, have passed the CPA Exam. ... **Joe Mounce** has been promoted to manager at **Isdamer & Co.**, Bala Cynwyd.

## SOUTH CAROLINA

**Robert Moise**, a partner in the Charleston office of **WebsterRogers LLP**, has been appointed to the IRS Practice and Procedures Committee of the **AICPA**. This is the second time he has served on the committee.

## TENNESSEE

**Billy M. Atkinson**, an audit partner with **PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP** in Texas, has been elected 2009-2010 chair of the **National Association of State Boards of Accountancy**. ... **Angie Pruitt** and **Amanda N. Casey** have joined the Tax Department of the Knoxville office of **Lattimore Black Morgan & Cain PC** as a senior manager and a manager, respectively. ... **Doug Sweet** has joined **Dixon Hughes PLLC** as a senior manager in its Memphis tax practice.

## TEXAS

For the 29th year in a row, CPA **Edward M. Gardner** organized a food and clothing drive for Star of Hope on Sunday, Dec. 6. The **Houston CPA Society** participated in the drive for the 10th year in a row. ... **Laura Hardin** has joined the Houston office of **FTI Consulting Inc.** as managing director in its international arbitration practice. ... **David Turner** has joined the forensic, litigation and valuation See PEOPLE on 33