KESLER MANNING

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EDUCATION

The University of Mississippi, Patterson School of Accountancy — Oxford, MS
Master of Accountancy — May 2015
GPA: 3.90/4.00
Recipient of Accountancy Alumni Chapter Academic Achievement Award and Scholarship

The University of Mississippi, Patterson School of Accountancy — Oxford, MS
Bachelor of Accountancy — May 2014
GPA: 3.85/4.00, Magna Cum Laude graduate

PROFESSIONAL LICENSING AND MEMBERSHIPS

Certified Public Accountant, Texas
American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, AICPA

WORK EXPERIENCE

Ernst & Young, LLP — Dallas, TX
Forensics & Integrity Services Senior Manager — September 2015 – Present

Practicing senior manager in the Insurance & Federal Claims Services group. Obtained extensive skills and experiences related to federal disaster grant compliance, insurance claim schedule valuation and preparation, financial accounting reviews, and policy and document reviews.

- Extensive experience facilitating the reimbursement of disaster related grants in some of the country's most populous states. Managed disaster grants covering several funding streams including:
  - FEMA's Public Assistance Program
  - FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
  - American Rescue Plan Act, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Program
  - Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act
  - CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF)
  - CARES Act Provider Relief Fund (PRF)
- Led engagement team consulting for the second-largest public school district in the United States as it navigated financial recovery after catastrophic disaster event. Coordinated recovery across federal funding streams (over $200M) and private insurance claims ($500M limit).
- Managed a team conducting compliance reviews of procurement documentation and resulting contracts for a government agency following hurricane events, covering multiple funding sources including FEMA, CDBG-DR, ARPA, ESSER, and others federal programs. Issued observation reports for contracts and amendments totaling more than $2.1B, supporting compliance with 2 CFR 200 and other applicable federal and state requirements.
- Served as the primary consultant for navigating the Federal Public Assistance Grant Program for disasters declared after wildfire, mudslide, winter storm, and biological events for various counties and cities in Southern California. Work covered over $350M in grant funds across eligible project categories.

- Worked with a large state agency to administer and manage over $26M in FEMA Public Assistance Grant funding provided to municipalities after several presidentially declared disasters.
- Analyzed and quantified losses for an American Fortune 100 equipment manufacturing company and a large automotive component manufacturing company following catastrophic events including hurricanes, thermal events, and cyber-attacks to develop business interruption, extra expense, and property damage claims for insurance recovery.
- Reviewed company policies and recommended improvements regarding fraud risk assessments and plans.
- Performed forensic accounting procedures related to revenue recognition on historical financial information for a large public company in the process of filing financial re-statements.
- Served as a winter intern in 2014 in the Forensic & Integrity Services group. Gained valuable knowledge and skills related to regulatory lookbacks, document review, whistleblower cases, embezzlement, and banking compliance.

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

California Emergency Services Association (CESA) Annual Conference 2024
- Presented "Disasters, Data, Documentation and Declarations: Why It All Matters" with Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management Director

Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) Annual Conference 2024
- Presented “Building Back Resilient: The Benefits of 404/406 Mitigation” with TDEM supervisor and TDEM affiliates

Government Finance Officers Association of Arizona (GFOAz) Winter Conference 2023
- Presented “ARPA – What are you doing with your funds?: Compliance and Reporting Approaches”

Ernst & Young, LLP 2015 - Present
- Developed and conducted trainings covering topics including practice processes, professional development, and engagement onboarding to be disseminated to the Insurance & Federal Claims group
- Facilitated trainings in a classroom setting for various levels of nationwide Forensics practice

ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

Tarrant County Community College District Fort Worth, TX
Adjunct Instructor, Accounting January 2019 – December 2019

Prepared all class materials including lecture presentations, homework assignments, in-class assignments, and exams. Responsible for planning class schedule, determining grading structure, teaching required concepts, maintaining class attendance and grades, and completing all required documentation at the end of the class.

Classes taught:
- Principles of Financial Accounting
- Principles of Managerial Accounting

University of Mississippi Oxford, MS
Tutoring Lab Graduate Assistant August 2014 – May 2015

Accepted a graduate assistant position in the Patterson School of Accountancy while obtaining Master of Accountancy. Selected to facilitate Patterson School of Accountancy free tutoring lab for beginning and intermediate accounting students.
- Coordinated with other tutors to ensure tutoring lab was open and available to students when expected.
- Reviewed homework, answered questions, created study guides, and taught concepts to students that came to the lab for help.
- Provided advice to accounting and business school students related to upcoming tests and class scheduling.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

- Received an EY Ovation award, which recognizes "above and beyond" contributions by those "Leading the Way." Nominated by the Insurance & Federal Claims practice leader for the award.
- Nominated for two "Better Begins With You" recognitions within the firm for the "Strengthening our Communities" category for work assisting various communities during Federal Public Assistance Grant Programs.
- Nominated by peers for EY Forensics Recognition Campaign award for "Leadership."
- Awarded Accountancy Alumni Chapter Academic Achievement Award and Scholarship.
- Selected for Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges recognition.
- Member of Chancellor's and Dean's Honor Roll, Beta Alpha Psi, Phi Kappa Phi, and Mortar Board.
- University of Mississippi Speaker's Edge marketplace pitch competition finalist.