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Summary of experience

Currently based in Austin, Steve is an audit Managing Director that has extensive experience serving clients operating across multiple industries with a special focus on Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) registrants. Steve's primary disciplines include providing audit services, including financial statement audits, audits of internal control over financial reporting, and related advisory services to financial service companies, including community banks, FinTech, and specialty finance companies; digital asset and blockchain investment companies, including cryptocurrency miners, crypto colocation companies, and companies with investments in cryptocurrencies; restaurants; consumer products, business services, biotechnology; and entertainment companies.

Steve's notable experience includes:

- Audits of financial institutions and specialty finance companies with assets ranging from \$100 million to \$20 billion
- Audits of franchisors, franchisees, restaurant operators, consumer products, entertainment, and digital asset companies with revenue ranging from \$1 million to \$2 billion
- Audits of internal control under Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (SOX) and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act (FDICIA) requirements
- Initial public offerings and SPAC transactions
- Debt and equity raises under private placements and public offerings
- Extensive technical accounting proficiency including business combinations, financial instruments, revenue recognition, and variable interest entities and consolidation
- Assisting clients in improving their financial reporting processes and quality

Steve has delivered audit plans, audit and interim review findings, and technical accounting presentations to boards of directors, audit committees and members of management while establishing meaningful and lasting relationships with his clients.

Professional affiliations and credentials

- Certified public accountant, Texas
- Certified public accountant, California
- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants
- National Association of Black Accountants
- Southern Methodist University, Cox School of Business, Accounting Advisory Board – Current
- Southern Methodist University, Digital Accelerator Advisory Board - Former

Education

- Master of Science, accounting, Southern Methodist University
- Bachelor of Science (with financial applications), economics, Southern Methodist University