



Matthew deMontesquiou, CPA

Matt is a proven finance and accounting leader with over 20 years of experience across audit, internal controls, and advisory services. He directs BGA's Risk Advisory practice, which includes audit preparation, technical accounting, valuations, tax provisions, and interim client solutions. He also oversees SOX and internal audit engagements for public and pre-IPO clients.

Credentials & Expertise



Expertise

- ◆ Sarbanes-Oxley, U.S. GAAP and SEC
- ◆ IPOs
- ◆ Purchase accounting
- ◆ Income tax provisions
- ◆ Inventory
- ◆ Revenue recognition
- ◆ Other complex accounting and tax issues



Industries

- ◆ Manufacturing
- ◆ Software
- ◆ Technology
- ◆ Online retail



Achievements

- ◆ Completed all phases of SOX 404 compliance roadmap including preparing financial statements for companies ranging from start-ups to organizations with revenues in excess of \$100 million.
- ◆ Created monitoring controls to deter and detect misappropriation of assets.
- ◆ Developed reporting metrics to increase efficiency and operations.
- ◆ Performed tax credit analysis that resulted in credits of more than \$1 million.



Highlights

- ◆ As **Director of Internal Audit** was responsible for leading SOX 404 implementation including organizing, planning and implementing audit efforts for approximately 300 offices. Also led the implementation of a new electronic charting system for internal controls and managed fraud prevention programs related to cash management.
- ◆ As **Senior Supervising Associate** was responsible for financial statement audits, compliance audits and quarterly reviews as well as organizing and leading audit efforts for all offices; resolving technical accounting issues to ensure proper treatment of financial transactions; documenting, testing and assessing internal controls.



Education

- ◆ **BA in Business Economics with emphasis in accounting**, University of California at Santa Barbara

For over 15 years, BGA has proudly filled the gap that often exists between accounting firms striving to maintain independence and their clients. We understand the compliance requirements and needs of our public and private clients. Our unwavering commitment to excellence has enabled us to assist thousands of domestic and international companies with everything from complex M&A transactions to IPOs and technical accounting for financial reporting.

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Experience



CNM ♦ **Independent Consultant – September 2013 to 2015**

- ♦ Provided technical assistance in conjunction with a successful IPO including technical research and preparation of financial statements.
- ♦ Performed all stages of SOX 404 work including initial narrative documentation, walkthroughs and detailed testing.
- ♦ Performed technical assistance for clients on several different accounting topics including, but not limited to, equity, revenue recognition, inventory, debt and purchase accounting.
- ♦ Assisted in the external reporting function for publicly-traded companies including preparation of 10-Q and 10-K filings.
- ♦ Prepared financial statements for several different privately-held companies ranging from startups to companies with revenues in excess of \$100 million.



The Retail Equation ♦ **Director of Finance – March 2012 to August 2013
(Head of Accounting)**

- ♦ Coordinated and served as main point of contact for annual external audits performed by a Big Four firm.
- ♦ Completed significant work on purchase accounting, income tax provisions, inventory, revenue recognition and other complex accounting and tax matters.
- ♦ Performed monthly review of forecast and budget.
- ♦ Led new accounting system implementation.
- ♦ Performed research and development tax credit analysis that resulted in credits in excess of \$1 million.
- ♦ Reviewed and approved all monthly close entries and consolidated financial statements.
- ♦ Performed ad hoc projects including cost-benefit analysis on outsourcing internal call center department.



Western Dental ♦ **Director of Internal Audit – June 2009 to February 2012**

- ♦ Created several monitoring controls to deter and detect misappropriation of assets.
- ♦ Organized and led dental favor audits ensuring all patients, including employees, were charged and billed appropriately.
- ♦ Oversaw fraud prevention programs related to cash management including reviews of payments, adjustments to accounts, voided transactions, etc.
- ♦ Coordinated and led the SOX 404 implementation.
- ♦ Led the internal control portion of the new electronic charting system implemented at all dental offices.
- ♦ Implemented a new department staffing structure.



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Experience

- ◆ Conducted presentations to operations management, executive management and department managers on internal control findings and recommendations.
- ◆ Organized, planned and implemented audit efforts for approximately 300 dental offices.
- ◆ Successfully completed numerous ad hoc projects for executive team as well as operations management.
- ◆ Developed numerous reporting metrics to help increase efficiency and operations.
- ◆ Developed an internal repository housing all company policies and procedures. Repository used by entire company.



CBIZ, MHM ◆ Senior Supervising Associate – September 2003 to May 2009

- ◆ Supervised engagements involving financial statement audits, compliance audits and quarterly reviews to public and private clients in industries such as manufacturing, software, technology and online retailers.
- ◆ Served as consultant to public companies with international operations regarding SOX 404 audits.
- ◆ Facilitated the preparation of an initial public offering with the SEC.
- ◆ Prepared financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- ◆ Identified significant risks at each client; planned test work and procedures to ensure risks were addressed during the engagement.
- ◆ Identified, evaluated, and resolved technical accounting issues to ensure proper treatment of financial transactions.
- ◆ Supervised, coached and mentored up to four professional staff members of the engagement team.
- ◆ Evaluated the working papers of engagement team staff and provided feedback and review comments.
- ◆ Communicated with the engagement manager and partner regarding the status of engagements.
- ◆ Documented, tested and assessed various internal controls systems.
- ◆ Communicated potential weaknesses and recommended improvements to client's upper management (CFO and/or Controller).
- ◆ Participated in recruiting and training of entry-level associates and new hire mentoring program.
- ◆ Developed strong client relationships by exceeding client deadlines and expectations.
- ◆ Recognized as the firm's highest billing auditor in Southern California during 2008 busy season.

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