

Michelle Rycroft, CPA

Accounting professional with Big Four background and SEC reporting serving multiple industries. Experience includes leading complex audits and quarterly reviews, IPOs, debt offerings, restatements, comfort letters, and SOX 404 engagements while coordinating multi-office audit teams and specialists. Recognized for strong client leadership, audit execution, and the use of data analytics to improve audit quality and efficiency.

Credentials & Expertise

Expertise

- ◆ Sarbanes-Oxley, U.S. GAAP and SEC
- ◆ SOX compliance
- ◆ Ratio trending and analysis
- ◆ Data analytics
- ◆ Staff development
- ◆ Project management

Industries

- ◆ Healthcare
- ◆ Life sciences
- ◆ Real Estate

Associations & Certifications

- ◆ Licensed Certified Public Accountant in California

Education

- ◆ BS in Accounting, University of Southern California at Los Angeles

Achievements

- ◆ Led the design and execution of financial statement audits and quarterly reviews
- ◆ Amassed extensive public company experience including filing SEC restatements, responding to SEC comment letters, filing submissions related to initial public offerings and providing comfort letters to underwriters.
- ◆ Coordinated ten audit teams and six specialists across multiple service lines and EY offices.
- ◆ Served as main point of contact on every engagement and led weekly client/EY executive meetings.
- ◆ Identified new audit strategies to realize efficiencies and continually improve audit quality and execution.

Experience



Ernst & Young ◆ Assurance Manager – 2010 to 2017

Project Management

- ◆ Led the design and execution of financial statement audits and quarterly reviews through the utilization of data analytics, financial statement ratio analyses and substantive testing.

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Experience

- ◆ Coordinated ten audit teams and six specialists across multiple service lines and EY offices to communicate deadlines and required deliverables. Resolved issues as they arose.
- ◆ Developed detailed budgets and tracked progress throughout audits to better organize staff as well as to identify, manage and negotiate overruns.
- ◆ Multi-tasked various unique and challenging issues including filing SEC restatements, responding to SEC comment letters, filing submissions related to initial public offerings and providing comfort letters to underwriters.
- ◆ Maintained updated knowledge of client industries and auditing/accounting topics to communicate emerging issues to clients as well as to evaluate and document auditing/accounting matters.
- ◆ Challenged current audit procedures. Identified and presented new strategies to both EY and client executives to realize efficiencies and continually improve audit quality and execution.

Client and Team Relationships

- ◆ Developed strong rapport with client executives including chief financial officers, chief accounting officers, vice presidents of finance and controllers via a focus on business operations, significant transactions and timely responses to inquiries.
- ◆ Promoted inclusive and flexible environments on every engagement team. Built relationships with peers and executives to encourage open communication and knowledge-sharing.
- ◆ Led weekly meetings with both client and EY executives to communicate status of audits, follow up on outstanding requests and bring audits to a successful close.
- ◆ Served as the main point of contact on every engagement, obtaining client respect as a knowledgeable and thoughtful communicator of issues and results.

Leadership

- ◆ Received multiple awards recognizing top performance in the areas of efficient audit management, organization and completion of audits, and staff development and training.
- ◆ Obtained certified data analyst status to support the firm's initiative regarding the advancement of auditing through data analytics. This initiative required coordination of multiple audit personnel, IT services and the Global Talent Hub.
- ◆ Created audit planning and results books. Presented same to audit committees and executives.
- ◆ Served on the committee for the professional women's network.

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