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Top Skills

Finance
Corporate Tax
Accounting

Languages

Spanish (Elementary)
Gujarati (Full Professional)
Hindi (Full Professional)
English (Full Professional)

Certifications

Certified Public Accountant (CPA)
Energy Industry - Foundational

Pinky Shodhan, CPA, MBA, JD, LL.M.

Proven Professional: Tax & Accounting
Washington DC-Baltimore Area

Summary

Self-directed and driven professional in Grant Thornton's Washington National Tax Office in the Washington, DC office with 17 years of experience of comprehensive accomplishments leading GAAP and GAAS, financial statements, accounting methods such as fixed assets maintenance, revenue recognition, UNICAP inventory, Research & Tax Credit, and legal research for complex tax matters. Additional experience includes auditing, supervision of accounting departments, general ledger, fiscal reporting, and internal control procedures and cross-functional teams to ensure success and achieve goals.

Engagements include numerous tax projects to implement federal and state audit support, and financial statement analysis. Accounting methods experience includes quality control of research and tax credit calculations and related supporting documentation, fixed assets analysis, including qualified improvement property analysis, cost segregation studies, provide review of repairs and maintenance planning, and implementation of the tangible property regulations. UNICAP projects, and revenue recognition projects.

Industries

- Manufacturing
- Not-for profit / International Aid
- Entertainment
- Hospitality
- Engineering

Accomplishments:

- Assist clients on civil and criminal tax issues involving international tax matters, and foreign reporting compliance for a boutique white-collar law firm.

- Enabled \$140M in growth by developing a five-year strategic financial plan.
- Saved 250+ in monthly labor hours by establishing efficient internal controls and procedures.
- Achieved annual compliance by spearheading multiyear audits conducted by California's attorney general and the IRS.
- Manage and supervise an accounting staff of 13.
- Create and build an Accounting Department with the necessary infrastructure to sustain it in the long term, including roles and responsibilities, and software implementation.
- Assisted multiple organizations with ERP system implementations, including NetSuite, SAP, and Hyperion.

Expertise:

Finance, Auditing, Forensic Accounting, Dispositions, Technology Transfer, Mergers & Acquisitions (M&A), IRS Tax Controversy, US Taxation, Global Tangible Low-Taxed Income (GILTI, Corporate Tax, Legal Compliance, Internal Control Implementation, Budgeting & Forecasting, Consulting

Experience

Grant Thornton LLP (US)

Senior Tax Associate

August 2020 - Present (3 years 9 months)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Washington National Tax Office, Accounting Methods & Research Tax Credits

Kostelanetz & Fink, LLP

8 months

Legal Intern: Tax Controversy, FBAR Compliance, IRS Controversy, Bank Secrecy Act

January 2020 - April 2020 (4 months)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

- Assist clients on criminal and civil tax issues and foreign reporting compliance representing clients in sensitive and high-stakes negotiations and controversies with government agencies.
- Assist clients with compliance issues in state and local tax matters.

Legal Extern

September 2019 - December 2019 (4 months)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

- Researched tax provisions relative to the Global Intangible Low-Taxed Income (GILTI), Base Erosion Anti-Abuse Tax (BEAT), the Foreign Derived Intangible Income (FDII), and the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) pass-through.

Abbott

Technical Accountant

March 2014 - October 2016 (2 years 8 months)

- While at Alere (later acquired by Abbott Medical Devices), managed projects in partnership with the General Ledger Accounting Team for a global health care leader supplying diagnostic services, medical devices, nutritionals, and branded generic medicines.
- Reconciled the general ledger and accruals, implemented new standards, analyzed accounts, and prepared for audits.
- Resolved information discrepancies in tandem with finance stakeholders.
- Improved efficiency by reengineering processes.

Islamic Relief USA

Controller

2006 - 2010 (4 years)

- Oversaw financial systems for a leading global charity providing international relief and development efforts, including emergency disaster aid and basic health care for underserved populations.
- Built a Finance Department; recruited and trained staff, ensured reporting compliance, managed budgets, established internal controls, and implemented a month-end close process.
- Enabled \$140M in growth by developing a five-year strategic financial plan.
- Achieved annual compliance by spearheading multiyear audits conducted by California's attorney general and the IRS.
- Migrated fund accounting from QuickBooks to Financial Edge.
- Advised the board of directors by preparing quarterly presentations, including cash forecasts, generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) compliance, and the current financial position.
- Ensured compliance with international best practices and code of conduct by conducting international field audits.

Answer Financial

Corporate Controller

2005 - 2006 (1 year)

- Oversaw six staff, accounts payable and receivable, statistics reporting, balance sheet accounts, and audits for an insurance technology company.
- Managed and delivered the monthly financial reporting package encompassing the balance sheet, income state, cash flows, and statements of stakeholder's equity to senior executives and investors.
- Calculated commissions and bonuses for 330+ agents monthly.
- Enabled continuous growth by preparing and analyzing costs per lead, application, policy and current ratios, and profit margins.

Sony Pictures Entertainment

Manager, International Consolidation

2004 - 2005 (1 year)

- Managed financial reporting for 50 consolidated international channels, including flash and annual results, budgets, and forecasts in Hyperion for a major entertainment group with \$9.1B+ in annual revenue.
- Reconciled \$6M in transactions monthly in all foreign currencies.
- Implemented strong internal controls and reporting procedures; coordinated quarterly audits with PwC.

Survival Insurance Brokerage

Controller

2002 - 2004 (2 years)

- Prepared the income and cash flow statements, balance sheet, weekly cash availability reports, and forecasts.
- Managed accounts payable and receivable, payroll, and finance staff.
- Advised board meetings, the finance committee, and the board of directors on financial updates.
- Ensured compliance with state regulations; oversaw annual audits.

Drew Child Development

Assistant Director, Finance

2002 - 2004 (2 years)

- Managed three accounting and five indirect staff, general ledgers, accounts payable and receivable, payroll, and reporting for a nonprofit dedicated to education and well-being of at-risk children in the metropolitan Los Angeles area.

- Generated month end financial statements and reporting packages, billing requests, and annual budgets.
- Ensured compliance with GAAP and governmental accepted accounting standards (GAAS).
- Developed program results and reports for the State Department of Education, Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), the Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS), and the Department of Mental Health.

Simpson & Simpson, LLP

Auditor, Certified Public Accountants (CPAs)

2000 - 2002 (2 years)

- Executed audits for government and nonprofit organizations, including compliance testing for fund accounting and GAAS for a small business providing accounting services for various entities.
- Implemented GASB 34 via city adults.
- Prepared nonprofit federal tax forms in Lacerte Tax software.
- Supervised audits for the Ventura County Transportation Authority, the Los Angeles Urban League, the Family and Child Care Act Program, and DCFS; executed reviews in tandem with PwC and CalTrans.
- Investigated internal controls and recommended improvements to ensure compliance with GAAP.

Education

Georgetown University Law Center

(LLM) Master of Laws, Tax Law · (2019 - 2020)

Florida A&M University

(JD) Juris Doctor, I · (2017 - 2019)

University of Geneva

(IOMBA) Master of Business Administration, International Organizations · (2010 - 2012)

UCLA

(BA) Bachelor of Arts, Economics · (1998 - 2000)