Thomas Watson, CPA

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Summary:

As an Assurance Manager in public accounting, I bring extensive experience leading assurance engagements across diverse industries, with specialized expertise in manufacturing, distribution, construction, and employee benefit plans. My experience extends to areas such as acquisitions, implementation of new accounting standards, and a spectrum of other assurance services.

Experience:

Certified Public Accountant (CPA) - Clark Schaefer Hackett
March 2016 to Present

Assurance Manager

- Provide client advisory services for small to moderate size privately held businesses ($1M - $100M rev/year)
- Advanced financial reporting experience, including full financial statement preparation
- Extensive background in technical analysis, reconciliations, general ledger accounting and research
- Detailed knowledge of employee benefit plans (Defined Contribution, Defined Benefit, Health & Welfare) and DOL/ERISA required compliance
- Well versed in GAAP and implementation of new accounting standards
- Extensive experience reviewing, documenting, and examining the operation of internal controls and communicating findings/recommendations to management
- Project management and leading teams of staff
- Assist in training and development of the team
- Significant experience with consolidated financial statements, intercompany reconciliations, ASC606 revenue recognition
- Experience with Ad-Hoc/special projects including - testing of ERP system changes, change in recordkeeping systems, advanced data collection and analysis, implementation of new technologies
- Have worked in a remote (hybrid as-needed) environment since 2020
- Most experienced industries - manufacturing/distribution, construction, marketing and employee benefit plans

Education:

Bachelors in Accounting – Morehead State University (2015)
High School Diploma – Raceland-Worthington High School (2009)

Technical Skills:

- Microsoft Excel (Advanced – Power Query, VLookup, XLookup, Pivot Tables)
- Microsoft Office (Advanced – Word, Powerpoint, Outlook)
- Python (Intermediate – Pandas, Numpy, Matplotlib, YFinance, various excel tools)
- SQL (Novice – basic scripting, retrieve data, merge, add record, etc.)