

# Kyle Riste, CPA

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## Experience

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**Securian Financial - A Fortune 500 financial services organization with \$1.4 trillion of insurance in force and \$97.8 billion assets under management**

Assistant Vice President (Securian Funds Trust)  
Financial Reporting Manager (Securian Financial)  
Financial Reporting Consultant  
Senior Financial Reporting Analyst  
Fund Reporting Analyst II

October 2022 - Current  
April 2022 - Current  
December 2020 - March 2022  
January 2020 - November 2020  
September 2018 - December 2019

### Major Responsibilities

- Responsible for the accounting, performance, and financial reporting for the Securian Funds Trust and Securian Financial's variable insurance and annuity products and separate accounts
- Lead the daily operations for performance, NAVs, unit-values, trading, and reconciliation of multiple accounting, administrative, and trading systems
- Responsible for all investment and performance error communications and revision analysis
- Present financial and budget information along with interpretation of results to the Securian Funds Trust Board of Trustees
- Produce the Assets Under Management reporting for Securian Financial and its subsidiaries
- Research new reporting requirements, explain their impact to senior leaders, and implement new reporting processes
- Lead the research and project management of complex investment transactions such as transfer in kinds, mergers, and share class conversions
- Provide leadership, guidance and performance management of staff and manage multiple third party administrators

### Demonstrated Results

#### *Reporting*

- Significantly reduced delivery time and strengthened accuracy and controls for all external and internal reporting requirements
- Created new reporting and ad-hoc analysis of the accounting and operational impact of the changing economic environment as well as hypothetical business events
- Eliminated outdated manual systems by automating new reports that verify financial statements resulting in a significant reduction of staff hours, improved accuracy and reduced audit lengths
- Developed multiple analytical models to show the impact of market conditions and expense ratio changes

#### *Internal Control*

- Led internal and external parties in the development and implementation of processes and internal controls for new SEC and internal reporting requirements
- Redesigned and vastly improved internal documentation, controls and processes which reduced training time, eliminated issues, and brought the quality of work to a new level
- Led multiple projects to enhance internal controls which quickly led to the correction of issues that previously would only be discovered annually
- Created new tools to reconcile large data sets from multiple complex systems which previously was done manually with a large amount of labor

#### *Leadership*

- Led the review of all work within the department and trained new staff quickly with a deep understanding of a highly complex environment including multiple internal and external systems
- Led the project management of large highly complex transactions with a high degree of risk that included several internal and external parties
- Led project with internal and external parties to eliminate unneeded processes being performed by multiple departments in the company, saving hundreds of hours per year
- Established myself as the department subject matter expert and continually serve as a leader in communicating and building knowledge of the complex accounting and operations to both internal staff as well as external parties
- Introduced a continuous feedback loop within the department to enhance communications which has led to major improvements in work performance

**Senior Accountant**  
**Staff Accountant**

**October 2017 – September 2018**  
**September 2015 – September 2017**

**Major Responsibilities**

- Perform GAAP and FASB standards compliance audits of manufacturing, construction, service and automobile dealership clients
- Create complex financial statements for clients which reflect full disclosures and new ASU pronouncements
- Perform 401(k) and health care plan audits
- Complete federal and multi-state tax compliance work for business entities such as C corporations, S corporations and partnerships including work on sales of ownership, step-ups and consolidations

**Demonstrated Results**

- Completed large financial statement engagement and tax return four months ahead of client's expectations based on prior year experience providing the client with the opportunity to file tax return without extension
- Completed challenging financial statement engagement for client with general ledger containing a significant number of incorrect entries and an understaffed accounting department in two thirds less time than prior year
- Re-created a tax basis history for client dating back to 2006, assigned this project directly by a shareholder based on demonstrated proficiency in producing results while working with incomplete client records
- Designed new system for producing consolidated financial statements for a large client, greatly increasing efficiency
- Developed a new business process to calculate changes to deferred taxes for C corporations due to the new federal tax laws for disclosure on financial statements

**Education**

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**St. Norbert College**

A private university in De Pere, Wisconsin with a student-to-faculty ratio of 13:1 and an average class size of twenty. Students enroll in a curriculum that emphasizes writing and the liberal arts to create a diverse education and provide more than a traditional business education.

**BBA - Accounting 3.78/4.00**

**Certification**

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Attained Certified Public Accountant license in Fall 2016