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Top Skills

Generally Accepted Accounting Standards (GAAP)

Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS)

Government Auditing Standards (GAS)

Certifications

Certified Public Accountant

Honors-Awards

Significant Contribution by a Member in Public Practice

Distinguished Public Service

Rising Star

Young CPA of the Year

Magna Cum Laude Graduate

Guadalupe Garcia, CPA

Audit Partner at Whitley Penn
Houston

Summary

Lupe Garcia is a Certified Public Accountant in the State of Texas with more than thirteen years of public accounting experience serving various governmental entities and not-for-profit organizations. Lupe has extensive experience in financial statement audits and single audits of counties, cities, colleges/universities, school districts, council of governments and other special-purpose governments. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance and is a proud alumnus of the University of Houston.

- Serves in a consultative role with an emphasis on exceptional client service
- Responsible for all aspects of assurance reporting including, but not limited to, planning, fieldwork, risk assessments, internal controls evaluation, report issuance and closure, and determining audit effectiveness
- Assists in training staff in accordance with GGAP, GAAS, GAS (Yellowbook), TEA's FASRG and 2 CFR 200 (Uniform Guidance) compliance requirements
- Assists in directing staff, interacting with clients, identifying/researching technical issues and completing all necessary program and checklists to assure compliance with assurance and accounting standards
- Promotes the firm by participating in professional organizations
- Participates in firm's practice development efforts through involvement with referral sources, community and industry activities
- Assist in staffing process by interviewing candidates and making recommendations on hiring

Whitley Penn provides a full range of professional services including: financial statement attestation and related services (including audits, reviews and compilations), internal control advisement, forensic investigation, IT audit / consulting services, mergers and acquisition planning and support, tax planning, consulting and compliance, financial services, investment management, litigation support, and business valuation services.

Experience

Whitley Penn

9 years 7 months

Audit Partner

January 2017 - Present (4 years 11 months)

Audit Senior Manager

July 2015 - December 2016 (1 year 6 months)

Audit Manager

May 2012 - June 2015 (3 years 2 months)

Whitley Penn and Null-Lairson merged accounting firms effective May 2012

Null-Lairson P.C

4 years 11 months

Audit Supervising Senior

July 2010 - April 2012 (1 year 10 months)

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Audit Senior

January 2009 - July 2010 (1 year 7 months)

Prepared audit program for approval, including timeline, budget, scheduling and personnel required

Reviewed and/or prepared audit work papers

Prepared financial statements for clients

Supervised and trained accounting staff

Audit Staff

June 2007 - December 2008 (1 year 7 months)

Developed working knowledge of auditing techniques

Served as a contributing member of the audit team, completing assigned duties of limited scope and communicating with the team leader concerning proper methods to be applied in the audit context

Received controlled assignments of increasing difficulty and responsibility

Conducted background research of client organization being audited, including examination of relevant statutes, rules and regulations

Traveled to audit site locations and obtained audit evidence

Performed audit fieldwork which included visual examination of records and other items and prepared and organized work papers showing the results of audit examinations

Learned to gather, interpret, compile, and analyze data pertinent to audits performed

Reviewed data and other information pertinent to the audit

Participated in interviews of client's staff to elicit factual information

Assisted in drafting audit reports

Prepared preliminary drafts of audit findings

Gained professional experience and ability primarily through on-the-job training

Pappas Restaurants, Inc.

Various

1999 - 2007 (8 years)

Education

University of Houston, C.T. Bauer College of Business

BBA, Finance · (2007)

Aldine High School

