

Matthew G. Mitzen

Matthew G. Mitzen is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) with over 35 years of public accounting experience. He is a Principal in charge of the Attest division at Bronswick Benjamin, PC in Chicago, Illinois. Matt has extensive experience in all facets of Quality Assurance for public accounting firms and has performed Engagement Quality Reviews of financial statements and underlying workpapers for entities in many industries. Mr. Mitzen has also coordinated and overseen internal inspections while working at local, regional, and national firms, and served as a Peer Review Team member on reviews of firms, from sole practitioners up through a top ten national firm. He also spent years working as a professional liability defense expert, analyzing workpapers, financial statements, GAAP and GAAS in situations where a CPA was accused of substandard performance. Mr. Mitzen has also authored and presented numerous technical, annual accounting and attest updates.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Bronswick Benjamin PC, Chicago, IL – January 2020 to present

CNA Insurance Company, Chicago, IL (Risk Control Consulting Director for the AICPA Professional Liability Program) – October 2018 to January 2020

Marcum, LLP (acquirer of Frost, Ruttenberg & Rothblatt), Chicago, IL – August 2014 to October 2018

Plante Moran, PLLC (acquirer of Blackman, Kallick, PC), Chicago, IL – September 2008 to July 2014

Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP, Chicago, IL – June 2006 to September 2008

RSM McGladrey (acquirer of American Express Tax & Business Services), Chicago, IL – January 2002 to June 2006

Gleeson, Sklar, Sawyers & Cumpata, LLP (acquired by Plante Moran, PLLC), Chicago, IL – December 1995 to January 2002

Friedman, Eisenstein, Raemer & Schwartz, LLP (acquired by RSM McGladrey), Chicago, IL – October 1992 to December 1995

Margolis & Co, PC (acquired by Marcum, LLP), Philadelphia, PA – September 1986 to September 1992

Angell, Kaplan & Zaidma, Chicago, IL – September 1985 to September 1986

Arthur Young, Chicago, IL – August 1984 to September 1985

EDUCATION:

Wharton School of Finance, University of Pennsylvania, BSE, with concentrations in Accounting and Finance, May 1984

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PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS:

Certified Public Accountant, Illinois Certificate number 35070
Licensed Certified Public Accountant in Illinois, License Number 065.023101
Certified Fraud Examiner, 2005

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
Illinois CPA Society
Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

RECENT PUBLICATIONS:

Navigating Storms, and Risks, With Subcontractors (AICPA Journal of Accountancy, Jan 2020)
The Risk Suite: This Teenager Can Mitigate Liability Angst (J of A, Aug 2019)
Addressing Risks Related to TCJA and Wayfair (J of A, Feb 2019)
AICPA Risk Alert – Hosting Services (July 2019)
Engagement Letters – The Tool of our Trade (New York State Society of CPAs, publication TBD)

ASSOCIATIONS AND VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS:

Current Vice-Chairman of the Illinois CPA Society's Accounting Principles Committee
Member of the special planning committee for Illinois CPA Society's Annual Accounting and Attest Update
Former member of the Illinois CPA Society's Audit & Assurance Services Committee
Former member of the Illinois CPA Society's Employee Benefit Plans Committee
Director of Umpires for Evanston Baseball & Softball Association