



# 2011 Southwest Regional Conference

May 19 & 20, 2011

Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces  
Las Cruces, New Mexico

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**Offering 16 Hours of CPE**

## Hosting Chapter Information

Las Cruces Chapter #121  
PO Box 8732  
Las Cruces, NM 88006

Fax: 575-528-6775  
Attention: Lourdes Vannier  
Website: <http://www.aswa-lascruces.org>

## Conference Attire

Conference attire is business casual. Don't forget to bring a sweater. The air conditioners will be on this time of year.

## Cancellations

All cancellations must be submitted in writing to ASWA Las Cruces Chapter and be received by May 12, 2011; a \$50 cancellation fee applies. After May 12th, registrants who cancel or fail to attend the conference will be responsible for full payment. We reserve the right to make speaker substitutions as needed without notification to participants.

## Continuing Professional Education Credit

Each session is a 100 minute block. Sign-in is required at each session.

ASWA is registered with the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) as a sponsor of continuing professional education on the National Registry of CPE Sponsors. State boards of accountancy have final authority on the acceptance of individual courses for CPE credit. Complaints regarding registered sponsors may be addressed to the National Registry of CPE Sponsors, 150 Fourth Avenue North, Suite 700, Nashville, TN, 372192417.

ASWA is registered as a sponsor in Texas and Hawaii.

## Our Mission Statement

*The mission of the American Society of Women Accountants (ASWA) is to enable women in all accounting and related fields to achieve their full personal, professional and economic potential and to contribute to the future development of their profession.*

## Hotel Information

Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces  
705 South Telshor Boulevard  
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88011  
575-522-4300 / 1-866-383-0443  
<http://www.HotelEncanto.com>

Special room rates have been arranged for conference attendees and are guaranteed through Wednesday, May 4, 2011; early reservation is recommended as space is limited. To make a reservation, call the hotel directly at 575-522-4300 or 1-866-383-0443. To receive the group rate, you must identify yourself as an attendee of the American Society of Women Accountants conference. Reservations must be guaranteed with a one night's deposit in the form of check, money order or credit card. After receipt of a guaranteed reservation, upon request the hotel will forward guest room confirmation to you. Note that the hotel maintains a 24-hour cancellation policy for guest room reservations.

Room rates for conference attendees:

\$93 for 1 king bed, single or double occupancy

\$103 for 2 double beds, single or double occupancy

State and local taxes are extra, and the rates are in effect Wednesday May 18 – Friday May 20.



## General Conference/Group Instructions **WELCOME TO THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT!!**

We offer twelve runs daily between the El Paso Airport and Las Cruces!!

When making reservations please call 1-800-288-1784 at least 72 hours in advance if possible.

We do not accept faxed reservations unless information is confirmed by phone. We will need the following information:

Name of traveler.

Number of people in the party.

Arrival information to include:

Date of arrival

Arrival time and airline

Flight number (we keep track of your flight in case of delays and guarantee a seat on the next departure from airport)

Destination in Las Cruces

Airport departures are from the Ground Transportation Area, inside the terminal next to the Baggage Claim and TravelEX Office. There is a large Ground Transportation sign up on the wall above an information TV to your right as you come around the corner on your way to the Baggage Claim, along with courtesy phones to call the shuttle office. **See our website at [LasCrucesShuttle.com](http://LasCrucesShuttle.com) for a picture and a printable map (on homepage).**

Return information to include:

Date of return

Flight departure time

Pickup location in Las Cruces and phone number there

If departing Las Cruces from a Hotel terminal please be checked out and at the front door ready to go 10-15 minutes prior to the shuttle time you reserved.

Payment is made to the driver by cash, check (out of state check is fine), or travelers check. The drivers cannot accept credit cards but we will accept them by phone at the time of your reservation. Each person one-way rate is \$25.00 and the roundtrip is \$50. **Private car, van, and Taxi services are also available.** Please feel free to call us at 1-800-288-1784 if you have any questions. When calling to make your reservation you must identify yourself as a **ASWA conference attendee** in order to get the discount rates.

**Airport "walk-ups" without reservations will pay full fare.**

## Airport Information

You will fly into El Paso, Texas. It is 50-60 miles from Las Cruces, but it's the closest airport. You'll need to fly in Wednesday night, if you want to be here for the continuing education starting on Thursday morning. Our keynote speaker is scheduled to start at 7:55am May 19th.

## Driving Instructions from the El Paso Airport. (The major car rentals have counters at the Airport)

Head West on Convair road toward Terminal Drive S

Turn Left at Airway Blvd .5 miles

Turn right at Montana Ave .6 miles

Slight left at US-180 W/E Paisano Dr (watch for signs for I-10) 1.5 miles

Turn right at Gateway Blvd W (be sure to get in the left lane) .5 miles

Take the ramp on the left onto I-10 W 213 feet

Slight right at I-25 N (watch for signs for Las Cruces/Albuquerque) 43.4 miles

Take exit 3 for Lohman Ave .3 miles

Turn right at E Lohman Ave .1 miles

Take the 1<sup>st</sup> right onto S Telshor Blvd (be sure to get in the left lane) .3 miles

You will see the Mesilla Valley Mall on your right and the Hotel on your left. The Hotel is at the corner of Telshor and Foothills.

## Continental Breakfasts and Lunches

There will be a Continental breakfast and lunch, as well as morning and afternoon breaks provided for each day of the conference.

## Fun Night - Dinner & Fashion Show! - Thursday Night

Sponsored by Beasley, Mitchell & Co., LLP.

The Fashion Show is being provided by The Emerald Isle Boutique.

We will be at the same Hotel as the rest of the event. It will be from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm.

Please join us for this fun filled evening. We do need volunteers to be models for the clothing. If you would like to be a model, please mark your registration form or email us.

## Chapter Exchange

The Chapter Exchange will be at 7:00 am - 8:30 am at Breakfast on Friday. It is open to all ASWA members and serves as an opportunity to share the successes and challenges of the participating chapters.

## Hospitality Suite

The Las Cruces Chapter is hosting the Hospitality Suite in the Parlor Suite Room, located on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor of the hotel. The tentative hours the Suite will be open:

**Wednesday 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

**Thursday 5:00 pm – 6:30, then after the Dinner & Fashion show until 10:00pm**

**Friday 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

Be sure to come meet the other attendees and find a friend for dinner on Wednesday night and/or Friday night. There are a lot of choices for Dinner Wednesday & Friday nights that are within walking distance of the Hotel.

## Registration Table Hours

Wednesday night in the Hospitality Suite – 5 pm – 9 pm

Thursday 7:00 am – 5:00 pm Classes start as 7:55 am

Friday 7:00 am – 5:00 pm Classes start at 8:30 am



# 2010 ASWA Southwest Regional Conference Schedule



Thursday, May 19	Thursday - Track A	Thursday - Track B
7:00 am - 7:55 am	Breakfast	
7:55 am - 9:40 am	Keynote Speaker: Emilia O'Neill, Ph.D. - Authentic Power in Times of Change	
9:40 am - 10:00 am	Break - Sponsored by Morgan Stanley Smith Barney	
10:00 am - 11:40 am	Terry Glandon, Ph.D., CPA - The Move: Excel 2007 → Excel 2010	Christine Wright, CPA - How to Generate Retirement Wealth and Save Taxes with Retirement Plans
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch – Installation of National ASWA Officers	
1:30 pm - 3:10 pm	Robert O. Johnson, CPA - What's Your Number? Part 1	Kym Anderson, CPA, CVA - If it is Thursday and it is raining, you might qualify for a Tax Credit!
3:10 pm - 3:30 pm	Break	
3:30 pm - 5:10 pm	Robert O. Johnson, CPA - What's Your Number? Part 2	William L. Smith, Ph.D., CPA - Corporate Tax Updates
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Fun night with Dinner & Fashion Show - Sponsored by Beasley, Mitchell & Co., LLP	
Friday, May 20	Friday - Track A	Friday - Track B
7:00 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast and Chapter Exchange	
8:30 am - 10:10 am	Russell (Rusty) Calk, Ph.D., CPA - Applied Professional Ethics	
10:10 am - 10:30 am	Break	
10:30 am - 12:10 pm	Fred Huff - Using PowerPoint in the Accounting World	Glenn Davis - Estate and Trust Accounting Under the Uniform Probate and Trust codes
12:10 pm - 1:20 pm	Lunch-Educational Foundation Presentation	
1:20 pm - 3:00 pm	Kathy Blackett - Medicare vs. NM Medicaid Nursing Home Benefits and other Elder Legal Concerns	Lelah Lucero - Current Events, Hot Topics, Social Media, and IMRS issues
3:00 pm - 3:20 pm	Break	
3:20 pm - 5:00 pm	Laura Beltran-Schmitz, CPA, CFE - Fraud in Albuquerque	



# ASWA Southwest Regional Conference Registration Form

(Please use one form for each attendee)

Please print this form, mark your selections, then mail the completed registration form with your check to:

ASWA-Las Cruces

PO Box 8732

Las Cruces, NM 88006

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State and zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Email: \_\_\_\_\_ ASWA Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency contact name & telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Conference Fees

### Two Day Attendance

*Includes CPE, meals, breaks, and Fun Night*

Registration postmarked by April 29, 2011:

\_\_\_\_ ASWA member ..... \$275  
\_\_\_\_ Non-member ..... \$375

Registration postmarked after April 29, 2011

\_\_\_\_ ASWA member ..... \$325  
\_\_\_\_ Non-member ..... \$425

### One Day Only Session Fees

Thursday only:

*Includes CPE, continental breakfast, lunch and breaks*

\_\_\_\_ CPE only, member ..... \$175  
\_\_\_\_ CPE only, non-member ..... \$225  
\_\_\_\_ CPE plus Fun Night, member ..... \$220  
\_\_\_\_ CPE plus Fun Night, non-member ..... \$270

Friday only

*Includes CPE, continental breakfast, lunch and breaks*

\_\_\_\_ Friday – All CPE Sessions, member ..... \$175  
\_\_\_\_ Friday – All CPE Sessions, non-member ..... \$225  
\_\_\_\_ Friday – Ethics only session ..... \$75

### Fun Night

*(Included with the two day registration)*

This year it is a Dinner and Fashion Show on Thursday night. Please help us plan for enough meals by letting us know how many people are attending:

**Dinner selections will be made when you register.**

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I plan on attending Fun Night  
\_\_\_\_ I need additional Fun Night tickets @: ..... \$45  
\_\_\_\_ Number of additional Fun Night guests  
\_\_\_\_ Guest(s) name: .....  
.....

For even more fun that night, you can be a model of fine ladies fashions!!

\_\_\_\_ I would like to be a model for the Fashion Show

**Total fees** ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**If you are sending this in after May 11<sup>th</sup>,  
please fax a copy of the registration form to:**

**Beasley, Mitchell & Co. LLP  
Attention: Lourdes Vannier  
575-528-6775**

## Please Select Your Classes

### Thursday

7:55 am – 9:40 am -- Keynote Speaker

**Emilia O'Neill, Ph.D.**

Authentic Power in Times of Change

10:00 am to 11:40 am

\_\_\_\_ **Terry Glandon, Ph.D., CPA**

The Move: Excel 2007 → Excel 2010

\_\_\_\_ **Christine E. Wright, CPA, Partner**

How to Generate Retirement Wealth and Save Taxes with Retirement Plans

1:30 pm – 3:10 pm

\_\_\_\_ **Robert O. Johnson, CPA**

What's Your Number? (Part 1)

\_\_\_\_ **Kym Anderson, CPA, CVA**

If it is Thursday and it is raining, you might qualify for a Tax Credit!

3:30 pm – 5:10 pm

\_\_\_\_ **Robert O. Johnson, CPA**

What's Your Number? (Part 2)

\_\_\_\_ **William L. Smith, Ph.D., CPA**

Corporate Tax Updates

### Friday

8:30 am – 10:10 am

\_\_\_\_ **Russell (Rusty) Calk, Ph.D., CPA**

Applied Professional Ethics

10:30 am – 12:10 pm

\_\_\_\_ **Fred D. Huff, A+, Net+, MCSE, MCSA**

Using PowerPoint in the Accounting World.

\_\_\_\_ **Glenn Davis, Attorney**

Estate and Trust Accounting Under the Uniform Probate and Trust Codes

1:20 pm – 3:00 pm

\_\_\_\_ **Katherine N. Blackett, Attorney**

Medicare vs. NM Medicaid Nursing Home Benefits and other Elder Legal Concerns

\_\_\_\_ **Lelah Lucero, Stakeholder Liason**

Current events, Hot topics, Social media & IMRS Issues

3:20 pm – 5:00 pm

\_\_\_\_ **Laura Beltran-Schmitz, CPA, CFE**

- Fraud in Albuquerque

**To accommodate special diets and/or arrangements, such requests must be made 1 week prior to the event.**

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## Keynote Address:

**Emilia O'Neill Ph.D.** - Authentic Power in Times of Change

Leadership is not only about talents, skills, control, charisma, or work positions. All of them can produce destructive consequences, when used to manipulate others in order to feel important and valuable. True leadership is based on *Authentic Power*, the power that lies within that makes us all leaders. It is about utilizing those talents and skills to serve others, to improve ourselves. Authentic Power is about being aware of my own needs and emotions, and how they can affect those around me through my daily behavior. During this session, Dr. O'Neill will discuss how we can use our authentic power with the right intention to deal with difficult times and improve our lives, and the lives of others.

## Technical Sessions

**TerryAnn Glandon, Ph.D. , CPA** -The Move: Excel 2007 → Excel 2010

Presentation Objective: To help Accountants decide on upgrading Excel to the 2010 version. Highlights: Important changes to the look and feel of Excel, New features of Pivot Tables, Sparklines!, and Timesavers and Tidbits.

**Christine E. Wright, CPA, Partner** - How to Generate Retirement Wealth and Save Taxes with Retirement Plans

Get the knowledge and tools you need to offer strategic advice about retirement plans for self-employed individuals and small businesses. Learn how to select the best retirement plans for your clients to achieve long-term financial security and reduce taxes. This class will give you the confidence you need to understand and discuss topics such as:

- \* Defined contribution plans
- \* Defined benefit plans
- \* Elective deferrals
- \* Catch-up contributions
- \* Safe-harbor
- \* ADP testing
- \* 401k, SEP, Simple 401k, Simple IRA, Profit Sharing, Roth

**Robert O. Johnson, CPA** - What's Your Number?

Have you ever wondered how much you need to save for retirement? For reliable retirement planning you need to know "your number". This lively, fact filled and entertaining session will look into what you need to know and how to plan for a retirement that supports the lifestyle you desire. We will discuss a variety of retirement related topics and you will learn what goes into calculating "your number". Come prepared to participate and learn from all of our collective experiences.

**Kym Anderson, CPA, CVA** - If it is Thursday and it is raining, you might qualify for a Tax Credit!

How have the new tax laws impacted individuals and small business? The course provides a practical summary of tax law changes and their implications for planning and reporting personal and small business taxable income. It will provide a thoughtful and comprehensive commentary of what you as a preparer or advisor should discuss with your clients.

## **William L. Smith, Ph.D., CPA** - Corporate Tax Updates

This course will provide timely topics in corporate taxation such as:

Alternative Minimum Tax for Corporations  
US Corporate Tax Breaks  
Accumulating Earnings Tax

## **Russell (Rusty) Calk, Ph.D., CPA** - Applied Professional Ethics

This course will:

- Provide a high-level overview of the philosophy of ethics
- Discuss the application of moral philosophy to decision making
- Give participants an opportunity to apply a moral decision making model to an ethical dilemma in accounting

## **Fred D. Huff , A+, Net+, MCSE, MCSA** - Using PowerPoint in the Accounting World

At one time or another, everyone has had to make some sort of a presentation; either selling yourself to a potential client, or trying to communicate a financial condition to a lending institution. Microsoft PowerPoint is the perfect tool to bring these presentations to life, with charts, graphs, photos, and even music and video when needed.

This presentation will discuss basic suggestions on do's and don'ts that one should be aware of when using PowerPoint 2007 or PowerPoint 2010. It will also demonstrate how to incorporate live spreadsheet data and charts into a presentation.

## **R. Glenn Davis, Attorney** - Estate and Trust Accounting Under the Uniform Probate and Trust Codes

The presentation will explore proper accounting under the Uniform Probate Code and the Uniform Trust Code, with a particular emphasis on New Mexico and Texas law. It also will explore the impact such accounting standards have on the income tax liability of the estate or trust and its beneficiaries.

## **Katherine N. Blackett, Attorney** - Medicare vs. NM Medicaid Nursing Home Benefits and other Elder Legal Concerns

Understanding the difference between Medicare and Mediaid benefits for nursing home level of care, the application process for NM Medicaid nursing home benefits, required documentation, organizing and planning for long-term and elder care legal concerns, including mental incapacity. Checklists and other hand-outs will be provided.

## **Lelah Lucero, Stakeholder Liaison Internal Revenue Service** - Current events, Hot topics, Social media, and IMRS issues

IMRS - Issue Management Resolution System, a mechanism that facilitates stakeholder issue identification, resolution and feedback. IRS has entered the Social Media area find out the different tools available. Return preparer issues.

## **Laura Beltran-Schmitz, CPA, CFE** - Fraud in Albuquerque

What kind of fraud schemes are happening in Albuquerque.  
How are they being discovered? How long have they been going on?  
Are they going to court? If so what's it like to testify at a trial.  
What kind of rules of evidence do you have to follow?

## Learn about our Presenters

### **Emilia O'Neill, Ph.D. – Keynote Speaker**

Emilia has been described by many as an energetic, passionate and creative leader and consultant. With a multicultural background and many years of experience in individual and organizational wellness programs, she has helped corporations in Latin America and the United States in strategic planning, re-structuring, and change management processes.

She is a firm believer in the ability we human beings have to constantly re-create ourselves to adapt to difficult times, handle stress, and grow while learning and reaching our highest potentials. Dr. O'Neill holds a PhD in Counselor Education; a master's in management and organizational development, another master's in Gestalt Therapy, and certifications as a Holistic Stress Management Instructor, and as a Change Manager.



### **TerryAnn Glandon, Ph.D., CPA**

Terry has been a faculty member of the Department of Accounting at the University of Texas at El Paso since fall 2000. She earned a Bachelor of Accounting from Western Washington University, an MBA from Eastern New Mexico University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Arlington. Dr. Glandon is a Certified Public Accountant, licensed in Texas. Prior to entering academe, she was managing partner of a public accounting firm in Washington State, specializing in systems analysis and design for small to medium-sized businesses.

### **Christine E. Wright, CPA, Partner**

Christine Wright is co-owner of Beasley, Mitchell & Company and has 19 years of tax and consulting experience including consulting with business owners, retirement planning, income tax planning & preparation for companies and individuals, court appointed receiverships, litigation support and strategic planning.

Christine is a licensed CPA. She is a graduate of New Mexico Highlands University and earned the AICPA's "Certificate of Educational Achievement in Tax Planning and Advising for Closely Held Businesses".

Christine is the recipient of the 2010 Women to Watch "Experienced Leader" award presented by the New Mexico Society of CPAs, the AICPA and Robert Half International.

### **Robert O. Johnson, CPA**

As President of Johnson Financial Services, Inc., Bob offers his clients knowledge gained from 34 years of service in banking, public accounting, financial management and tax preparation. A New Mexico State University alumnus, Bob's experience includes service as Chief Financial Officer for a Las Cruces bank and Principal for a public accounting firm. In 2003, he launched his own company to provide a wide range of financial management services to individuals and small businesses. Bob holds licensing to offer investment securities as well as life, disability, long-term care and annuity insurance products. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the New Mexico Society of Certified Public Accountants.

### **Kym Anderson, CPA, CVA**

Kym has more than 30 years experience in public accounting firms as an employee, partner and owner. As a CPA, she has been honored locally and statewide by her peers. She has served on the National Boards of The American Society of Women Accountants and The Educational Foundation for Women in Accounting. She is a past Chairman of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants, a 29,000-member organization.

She was the first recipient of the ASWA National President's Balance Award in 2003 in recognition of her work with life/balance issues in the accounting workplace. She is part of the Ambassador program promulgated by the AICPA, to enhance the public's understanding of the accounting field and the standards to which its members must adhere.

As a speaker, she has provided continuing professional education through state societies and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. She has published articles in national professional journals as well as providing articles to local news agencies.

### **William L. Smith, Ph.D., CPA**

Bill is an Assistant Professor of Accounting and Information Systems at New Mexico State University. He is a licensed CPA in New Mexico and a business consultant. Prior to starting his practice, he was formerly with KPMG. His current research interests include analysis of financial disclosures, rhetoric and storytelling, decision making, and critical theory in accounting. He is published in academic journals that include *Qualitative Research in Accounting & Management*, *Organizational Research Methods*, *Behavior & Information Technology*, and *TAMARA Journal of Critical Organization Inquiry*.

### **Russell (Rusty) Calk, Ph.D., CPA**

Rusty is an Associate Professor of Accounting at New Mexico State University. He teaches in the areas of management accounting, financial accounting research, and accounting ethics. Rusty has been with the accounting faculty at NMSU since the fall of 2001. Before that, he spent four years at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin in Odessa, Texas. Rusty has a Ph.D. in Accounting from Oklahoma State University and a BBA and MBA in Accounting from Angelo State University. He is a licensed CPA in Texas.

### **Fred D. Huff, A+, N+, MCSE, MCSA**

Fred is an Assistant Professor at the Doña Ana Community College. Fred was first introduced to the Personal Computer while in college. He quickly became very proficient at using one of the early word processors and then progressed to working on and repairing the new machines. These hobby skills quickly turned into his profession. For the last 30-plus years, Fred has had his own computer consulting business and has worked in the information technology department of many businesses. His desire to share his knowledge led him to teach for the University of Phoenix for about five years and now he teaches computer technology courses for the Doña Ana Community College.

### **R. Glenn Davis, Attorney**

Glenn is a shareholder with the law firm of Scott Hulse PC and practices in the firm's El Paso, Texas and Las Cruces, New Mexico offices. Glenn is Board Certified in Estate Planning and Probate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He advises high and mid-net-worth individuals and families in estate planning, transfer taxation, asset protection, and closely held and family business matters. He also advises individual and corporate fiduciaries regarding administration and taxation issues affecting trusts, estates and family-owned businesses. Glenn's practice also focuses on international issues in estate planning and estate administration.

Glenn is a 1994 Honors graduate of the University of Texas, School of Law, where he was inducted into the Order of the Coif. He obtained his undergraduate degree in economics at Texas A&M University, *magna cum laude*, in 1990. He is a regular speaker at the annual Southern New Mexico Estate Planning Institute in Las Cruces and at Texas State Bar estate planning courses held throughout Texas.

### **Katherine N. Blackett, Attorney**

Kathy's law practice is limited to estate planning, estate administration and elder law matters. She has served on a number of non-profit boards over the years, and is currently a member of the End of Life Planning Advisory Committee at Tresco, and the Third Judicial District Court Pro Bono Committee. Kathy received an award in October, 2009 from the New Mexico Bar Association in recognition of her Pro Bono (volunteer) work in the areas of estate planning and elder law. She believes that estate planning is important for everyone because it is about much more than our money and where it goes after our death.

## **Lelah Lucero, Stakeholder Liaison**

Lelah is a Senior Stakeholder Liaison with the Southwest Area of Stakeholder Liaison - Field Operations, a function of the Small Business and Self-Employed Division of the Internal Revenue Service. As a Liaison, she works with practitioner and small business organizations to provide members with information about the policies, practices and procedures the IRS uses to ensure compliance with the tax laws. She has been with the IRS since 2001, working as a Revenue Agent before joining the Stakeholder Liaison team as the local Liaison for the state of New Mexico.

## **Laura Beltran-Schmitz, CPA, CFE**

Laura serves or has served on the financial audits of New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, New Mexico General Services Department, New Mexico Corrections Department, New Mexico Department of Transportation, San Miguel County, and the City of Rio Rancho to name a few.

She has also served as a staff and in-charge accountant on various not-for-profit and closely held corporation audits. Laura has also been involved with forensic investigations to aid clients in identifying potential fraudulent activity for criminal prosecution.

Laura received her Bachelor of Accountancy, with Honors, from New Mexico State University. A New Mexico Certified Public Accountant, and Certified Fraud Examiner, Laura is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the New Mexico Society of Certified Public Accountants, the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, the Treasurer for the Association of Government Accountants-Albuquerque Chapter, the Events Committee of the United Way Young Leaders Society, the NMSU Accounting Advisory Board, and is an Alumni of the Honors accounting organization Beta Alpha Psi - Delta Lambda Chapter.

Laura is also a mentor to college students in the accounting field at the University of New Mexico and New Mexico State University through a program with the New Mexico State CPA Society.

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