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Michele Avery is a Director of Forensic and Valuation Services for LaPorte CPAs and Business Advisors. Her business valuation experience includes extensive valuation work in numerous industries. Her professional experience includes business valuations for transactions, estate and gift tax matters, marital dissolution proceedings, shareholder disputes, buy/sell agreements and management buyouts. In addition to her extensive valuation practice, Michele provides expert reports for litigation proceedings that are concerned with lost profits, shareholder disputes, marital dissolution proceedings and insurance claims.

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ON THE AGENDA — FRIDAY, NOV. 1, 2019

8:00-8:10 a.m. .................................................. Introduction/Welcome

8:10–9:50 a.m. ................................................. Federal Tax Update for Business (100 min.)
    Alfred E. (Ted) Stacey
    Bourgeois Bennett, LLC

9:50–10 a.m. .................................................. Break

10–11:30 a.m. .................................................. Applying the New Lease Standard: Implementation Challenges (90 minutes)
    Kelly Hidalgo and Chad Becnel
    Postlethwaite & Netterville, APAC

11:40–1:10 p.m. .................................................. Lunch Session:
    Louisiana Legislative Issues (90 minutes)
    208 Powell Hall classroom
    Julie Stokes
    State Representative

1:10–3:10 p.m. .................................................. Business Valuations:
    A Case-Based Approach (120 minutes)
    Michele Avery
    LaPorte CPAs & Business Advisors

SPEAKERS:

Alfred E. (Ted) Stacey IV, CPA
Bourgeois Bennett, LLC

Ted Stacey is a retired partner at Bourgeois Bennett, L.L.C., a CPA and consulting firm in New Orleans. While there, he handled a variety of tax matters and specializes in tax research and planning for individuals and businesses. He has taught accounting at the University of Texas at Austin, Loyola, and the University of New Orleans. Ted has discussed tax issues on many of the New Orleans radio and television stations and has addressed many local, state and national organizations.

After Hurricane Katrina, he worked closely with the Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants and the IRS concerning the disaster and its related tax issues. Ted has been a speaker at the AICPA National Industry Conference and the AICPA Conference on Tax Strategies for the High Income Individual. He has also led seminars for the Society of Louisiana Certified Accountants and for its chapters.

Kelly C. Hidalgo, CPA
Postlethwaite & Netterville

Kelly C. Hidalgo, CPA is a Director in the Postlethwaite & Netterville Accounting and Assurance Services Group. He joined the firm in 1993 and became a director in 2009. Kelly is responsible for the supervision of staff accountants on numerous audit and consulting engagements. He has also worked directly with client management to redesign the accounting department structure and procedures to achieve efficiency. He also consults with various businesses to help address issues within their internal controls. Additionally, Kelly works extensively with multi-entity and multi-divisional reporting systems and is familiar with the requirements to combine or consolidate such data.

Chad Becnel, CPA/CITP, CGMA
Postlethwaite & Netterville

Chad Becnel, CPA/CITP, CGMA, is a Director in the P&N Accounting and Assurance Services Group. Prior to joining the firm in 2003, he worked with a large local accounting firm. Chad’s experience includes more than 23 years in public accounting, planning and performing assurance engagements for a wide variety of clients. His practice focuses primarily on clients in the credit union, insurance, and manufacturing and distribution industries, as well as employee benefit plans.

Chad is one of the firm’s leaders in the training and the use of Computer Assisted Auditing Techniques (CAATs), which P&N utilizes extensively in its assurance engagements. Additionally, he served on the Accounting and Review Services Committee (ARSC) of the AICPA from 2009-2012, which sets compilation and review standards for the profession.

Julie Stokes
State Representative for Louisiana District 79

Julie Stokes serves as State Representative for Louisiana District 79 since March of 2013. She serves on Ways & Means, Health & Welfare, and Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay. Julie is Chairman of the Sales Tax Streamlining & Modernization Commission which has been working tirelessly for the last several years to bring repair to the state’s fractured sales tax system. She is also the Chair of the Legislative Audit Advisory Committee and serves as one of only two interim members on the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget. She is also a member of the House Executive Committee and is very involved in State & Local Taxation reform efforts.

Julie is a CPA, working in her family’s business, Stokes & Associates. She is actively involved with the Jefferson Chamber of Commerce, the University of New Orleans Alumni Association, the Louisiana Society of CPA’s, and local economic development activities. Before public life, she served as a Commissioner of the Regional Transit Authority, and President of the Chateau Estates Civic Organization, the Accounting and Financial Women’s Alliance, and the Jefferson Chamber Young Leaders.