

Deborah S. Adkins

Forensic Accounting and Litigation Support

Debbie served as the Partner, Forensic Accounting and Litigation Support for Cross, Fernandez and Riley, LLP (C/F/R) from January, 2007 until December 2008. As the partner-in-charge of forensic accounting and litigation support, she managed all aspects of this practice area for the firm. Debbie provided litigation, forensic accounting and fraud consulting services to C/F/R's clients and has experience in a variety of industries. She works with private and public companies ranging in size from start-up operations to \$1.5 billion in annual revenue. In addition to corporate fraud deterrence and detection services, Debbie provides consultation to counsel in the areas of financial document review, asset tracing, quantification of damages in matters involving marital litigation, commercial and shareholder disputes.

Debbie gained diverse experience in public accounting prior to joining C/F/R. She worked as sole proprietor of her own forensic accounting CPA firm, Senior Vice President in a forensic accounting firm, partner with a national professional services organization, and consultant and interim Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to several companies. Adept in various CFO, controllership and treasury functions, she has experience providing services in the areas of financial analysis, SEC reporting, mergers and acquisitions, human resources administration, budgeting, cash management, banking relationships, contract negotiations and risk management.

Over the course of her dynamic career, Debbie has helped many clients overcome financial and accounting challenges. From ERP implementation to establishing affirmative action plans, she is able to draw on an impressive and varied history of success when serving C/F/R's clients.

Debbie also actively shares her expert knowledge with colleagues and other members of the professional business community. She is a frequent presenter at national conferences and seminars on topics including internal controls, Sarbanes-Oxley and fraud. Debbie has published forensic accounting CPE courses. She currently serves as the Accounting Chair of the College of Graduate Business and Management for the four Central Florida campuses at the University of Phoenix. She also teaches for the University of Phoenix, DeVry University and Axia College and is a host/author of a monthly web audio accounting news digest. She is currently engaged to write textbooks on forensic accounting and accounting information systems (AIS). Debbie has also developed curriculum materials for DeVry University and the University of Phoenix.



Professional Designations and Licenses

- Certified Public Accountant – Florida

Memberships

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
- Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA)
 - Chair: Valuation, Forensic Accounting and Litigation Services section
- Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE)
 - Associate Member
 - Central Florida Director
 - National Membership Awards Committee, 2007-2008
- Financial Executives International (FEI)
 - Central Florida President
- Friends of Orange County Library System
 - Board Member
- Quest, Inc.
 - Former Board Member
- University of Central Florida Alumni Association

Education

- University of Central Florida
 - Master of Science, Accounting (1993)
 - Bachelor of Business Administration (1986)
- St. Louis Christian College – Bachelor of Education (1980)

Awards

- “Rookie of the Year” - University of Phoenix College of Graduate Business and Management (2006)

Debbie's Personal Mission Statement

“In order to live life to the fullest, it is critical to identify your most important priorities and persevere to reach your goals. Also, allow for the flexibility to balance your mind, heart, body and soul. When you find you have made a wrong decision about something, look to find the good that can come out of it and pursue it. By carrying these principals with me in both my life and my work, I am able to help my clients overcome their greatest challenges.”