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CPA · Finance & Accounting Leader · Strategic FP&A · Finance Transformation · Analytics & AI

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PROFILE

CPA and finance leader with a career spanning accounting management, controllership, and FP&A. Combines deep accounting expertise — close, controls, audit, fixed assets, and financial reporting — with strategic planning, financial systems, business intelligence, and applied AI to build better financial systems and better business decisions.

CORE EXPERTISE

Accounting & Controllership · Strategic Finance & FP&A · Finance Transformation · Financial Systems & ERP · Business Intelligence & Analytics · Revenue, Pricing & Yield · AI & Finance Automation · Executive Decision Support

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Space Needle & Chihuly Garden and Glass

Seattle, WA

Finance Manager, Finance Analytics & AI

June 2026 – Present

Leads finance analytics and the application of AI across planning, reporting, and accounting — building the platforms and models that connect the general ledger to the operating data that explains it.

Financial Planning & Analysis Manager

June 2021 – May 2026

- Led the organization-wide conversion to Microsoft Dynamics 365 Business Central, coordinating cross-functional teams to keep operations running through implementation.
- Designed and built a new centralized budgeting platform that replaced spreadsheet submissions with department workflows, historical actuals, and capital requests in one place.
- Designed and built an executive analytics portal connecting the general ledger with attendance, labor, pricing, retail, and food & beverage information.
- Built a ticketing revenue model linking price, product mix, bundled products, and attendance to the revenue plan.
- Developed attendance forecasting — including weather- and holiday-driven models — to support pricing and planning decisions.
- Implemented automated daily revenue journal entries from ticketing and point-of-sale data into Business Central, with reconciliation and human review built in.
- Enhanced the budgeting and planning process with new forecasting models and performance-tracking tools that improved accuracy and strategic alignment.
- Spearheaded a paperless accounts payable initiative, streamlining workflows across departments.
- Built and maintained complex financial models; delivered monthly and ad-hoc performance reporting using Power BI and Tableau.
- Guided and mentored a small team, ensuring accuracy and development in core financial activities.

Assistant Controller

April 2017 – May 2021

- Directed the month-end close, journal entry approvals, tax accruals, and financial reporting.
- Led annual audits and inventory reviews, working with external auditors and consultants on regulatory compliance and best practice.
- Directed internal controls and compliance projects with cross-departmental teams to streamline accounting operations and improve reporting accuracy.
- Held monthly financial performance reviews with department heads, advising on financial management and process improvement.
- Administered the company retirement plan and ensured payroll compliance.

Car Toys, Inc. / Wireless Advocates

Seattle, WA

Senior Accountant

December 2013 – March 2017

- Designed financial models and dashboards in Excel, Tableau, and Power BI for leadership across business units.
- Advised on best practices and change management as part of enterprise system migration projects.
- Led sales and use tax (SALT) compliance and audits, and maintained tax data in point-of-sale systems.
- Supported audit preparation and budget planning as a trusted advisor to internal stakeholders.

Restaurants Unlimited, Inc.

Seattle, WA

Senior Accountant

March 2013 – December 2013

- Managed CAPEX tracking, depreciation, and fixed-asset schedules.
- Maintained health, liquor, and building licensing compliance across 13 states.
- Assisted with annual audits and income tax filings.

T Customs Broker, Inc.

Los Angeles, CA

Accounting Manager

January 2005 – February 2013

- Built the department's training and standard operating procedures, and mentored accounting staff.
- Led IT and process-improvement initiatives with leadership: paperless workflows, PCI compliance, and intranet development.
- Maintained server infrastructure, desktop support, and disaster recovery systems.

Information Technology

Earlier IT roles designing and enhancing business applications, writing user documentation, maintaining networks and backups, and supporting accounting teams with data mining and ad-hoc reporting.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Public Accountant (CPA) — California Board of Accountancy

MBA, Financial Management — National University, San Diego (2005)

Graduate Certificate in Accounting — University of Washington

Business Intelligence Certificate — University of Washington

Credential of Readiness (CRe) — Harvard Business School Online

B.S., Computer Science — Bina Nusantara University, Jakarta

SYSTEMS & TOOLS

ERP & accounting: Microsoft Dynamics 365 Business Central, Microsoft Dynamics GP, Oracle, QuickBooks

Analytics & BI: Power BI, Tableau, SQL, Microsoft Fabric, R, Advanced Excel

AI & automation: Claude, n8n, Python, REST APIs