

MATT J. CHAMBLESS, CPA & CGMA

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PROFILE

Energetic, strategic-minded accounting and finance executive currently pivoting to a career in academics. Extensive experience in fast-paced and deadline-driven environments, with 10+ years of senior-level public company experience. A rare combination of technical proficiency, leadership ability, and professional polish.

CORE PROFICIENCIES

Corporate Strategy | Risk Management | Team Leadership | 360 Collaboration | Attention-to-Detail
Financial Planning & Analysis | US GAAP & SEC Compliance | M&A | Strategic Partnerships
Stakeholder Negotiations | Investor & Lender Relations | Capital Allocation | Process Improvement
Proactive Problem-solving | Critical-thinking | Team-building & Mentorship | Written & Spoken Communication

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

January 2025 – Present

University of South Alabama

Mobile, AL

Adjunct Instructor – Mitchell College of Business, Department of Accounting

- Instruct undergraduate students in Principles of Financial Accounting (ACC 211), including subject-matter lectures, design and review of assignments and exams, and one-on-one coaching (where necessary) for student improvement.

November 2015 – December 2023

Computer Programs and Systems, Inc.

Atlanta, GA / Mobile, AL

Chief Financial Officer

- Integral involvement in the Company's overall corporate operating strategy, including the identification of a multi-year margin optimization project leveraging off-shoring, RPA, and organizational restructure
- Engage in buy-side M&A activity (and sell-side due diligence), from handshake to closing, including: (i) performing and directing financial due diligence, (ii) negotiating purchase agreement, including working capital targets and earn-outs, and (iii) financial modeling to assist in risk identification and value determinations. Experience includes one transformational acquisition (\$250 million purchase price) and four tuck-in acquisitions (ranging from \$11 million to \$61 million, total of \$140M), with corresponding integration of financial operations and human capital
- Scaled finance and administrative functions to support Company growth of 47% in less than one year
- Develop and manage lender relationships; negotiated terms on the Company's inaugural \$250 million credit facility and related amendments, as well as the Company's 2020 \$185 million refinancing (resulting in 50 bps reduction in interest rate and 15% reduction in interest costs) and 2022 refinancing (upsizing revolver, loosening acquisition limitations)
- Instituted 360 annual budgeting process to promote accountability among business unit leaders, yielding a more informed and accurate annual budget; drove business unit leaders to identify inefficiencies
- Designed and instituted Company's first performance-based bonus plan to properly incentivize for profitability
- Spearheaded redesign of employee benefits programs to align with market, saving the Company \$2 million annually while also negotiating a 50% reduction in administrative fees for healthcare benefits
- Augmented operational finance function with strategically built FP&A team, increasing productivity across financial and accounting teams while providing management with more actionable data for decision-making
- Implemented automated AP solution and HRIS system, resulting in overhead savings of 20%
- Serve on the Governance, Risk & Compliance Committee, the body tasked with corporate oversight of the Company's multi-arena compliance and risk monitoring efforts
- Manage D&O, Technology E&O, Workers Compensation, and General Liability insurance policies / risk management; leveraged competitive market to negotiate D&O insurance cost down by 30% with unaltered terms
- Dual responsibility with the CEO for investor relations, including (i) quarterly earnings calls, (ii) managing analyst relationships, (iii) presenting at investor conferences, (iv) ad-hoc discussions with analysts and investors, and (v) general

investor relations strategy setting

- Primary responsibility for Board of Director meeting materials preparation and presentation

March 2012 – November 2015

Computer Programs and Systems, Inc.

Atlanta, GA

Director of Financial Reporting

- Solely responsible for periodic filings with the SEC, including financial statements and required disclosures prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP and MD&A, as well as all responses to SEC comment letters
- Researched unique and unusual transactions to draft company position memos; performed ongoing monitoring activities, including reviewing software license agreements for proper revenue recognition
- Developed annual Sarbanes-Oxley campaign, from risk assessment to reporting, maximizing the alignment of SOX compliance efforts with other operational compliance efforts (i.e., HIPAA, FDA)
- Leveraged financial forecasting and modeling practices to establish annual guidance for market analysts, budget creation, business valuation, scenario analysis and the evaluation of strategic alternatives

May 2011 – March 2012

Northside Hospital, Inc.

Atlanta, GA

Accounting Manager

- Managed general ledger team, ensuring accurate monthly and quarterly reporting, including reconciliation review, financial variance and trend analysis, debt covenant calculations review, and drafting of financial statements for six entities; oversaw integration of multiple acquisitions into the accounting organization
- Researched complex accounting issues and transactions, including purchase price allocation for acquisitions, treatment of complex real-estate transactions, goodwill impairment analysis, and debt refinancing

August 2004 - April 2011

Grant Thornton LLP

Atlanta, GA

Audit Manager

- Lead Manager on multiple audit engagements – from small, venture-backed start-ups to mature public companies; specializing in software revenue recognition for technology companies
- Responsible for complete project and client relationship management, ensuring successful project economics through budgeting, staffing & scheduling, progress monitoring, profitability analysis, and fee negotiations
- Dedicated to talent management, actively participating in new associate recruiting, supervising and mentoring staff, as well as delivering national and local staff training programs

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- University of South Alabama School of Accounting – Advisory Board Member
- Georgia Society of CPAs (GSCPA) – Current Member; formerly Young Leadership Board
- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) – Current Member
- National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD) – Former Member
- Compassion – Sponsor [Children in Poverty; Leadership Development Program]
- Special Olympics of Georgia (SOGA) – Former Volunteer

EDUCATION

Kennesaw State University – *Ph.D. in Business Administration*ⁱ

Kennesaw, GA

University of Georgia – *Master of Accountancy*

Athens, GA

Georgia Southern University – *BBA (Accounting & Finance), Summa Cum Laude*

Statesboro, GA

ⁱ Program commences August 2025, anticipated completion in 2028