



BPM Announces Five New Partner Promotions for 2016

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SAN FRANCISCO--November 30, 2015 -- BPM, is pleased to announce the acceptance of three senior managers and two directors into the Firm's Partnership: Michelle Ausburn, Mark Leverette, Yung Ling, Edward Webb and Dan Winter. The new partners span the Firm's Bay Area offices and practices across Assurance, Tax and Consulting.

Michelle Ausburn, CPA is a member of the Firm's Assurance Practice with a focus on GAAP-compliant financial accounting and reporting for companies, both public and private, in the winery and vineyard, natural and organic food, craft beverage, and agriculture industries. Michelle has 15 years of experience and is a past recipient of the North Bay Business Journal's "Forty under 40" and "Women in Business" awards and is recognized professionally for her contributions to the CalCPA, SSU Wine Business Program, and local wine community.

Mark Leverette, CPA is a member of the Firm's Assurance Practice Group with a focus on the real estate and technology industries. He has 13 years of expertise advising entrepreneurial companies, real estate developers, REITs and software retailers on matters related to revenue recognition accounting and accounting on complex equity transactions. He serves as President of SFJREx and mentor at the Lester Center for Entrepreneurship, Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley.

Yung Ling, CPA is a member of the Firm's Corporate Tax Practice Group with a focus on the technology and life sciences industries. He has over 15 years of experience serving clients on international and corporate tax issues including global tax compliance, complex tax provision calculation and FIN 48 issues. He has also assisted numerous clients with their S-1 filings. His passion for the public accounting profession and his excellence at providing client service in the area of corporate tax services has led to the successful expansion of BPM's Tax Practice for pre-IPO and public companies, US subsidiaries of foreign public companies and multinational corporations. He is an active member of CalCPA and AICPA.

Edward Webb leads the Firm's Consulting Practice Group and has over 25 years of consulting experience, including leading teams of turnaround specialists, bankruptcy and reorganization professionals and corporate finance executives. Edward has also managed talent acquisition teams and provided leadership advisory consulting to business owners and directors. He is on the faculty at San Jose State University where he teaches Corporate Finance and Accounting and currently sits on the Board of Directors at the San Jose Sports Hall of Fame.

Dan Winter, CPA is a member of the Firm's Assurance Practice and Vice Chair of its Technology Industry Group. He has more than 10 years of experience serving a variety of technology clients across sectors including software, internet media and SaaS, telecommunications, intellectual property, semiconductor and life science. Dan has extensive experience with public and private offerings, revenue recognition and SEC reporting and compliance. He is also the Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair of Child Advocates of Silicon Valley.

"We are proud and excited to welcome these accomplished and outstanding professionals to the Partnership," said Curtis Burr, CEO and Founder of BPM. "Each of these individuals has demonstrated excellence in the areas of technical expertise, firm leadership, financial performance, staff development, teamwork, personal effectiveness, client relationship management, business development and community leadership."

Ausburn, Leverette, Ling, Webb and Winter will become partners effective January 1, 2016.

About BPM

BPM is one of the largest California-based accounting and consulting firms, ranking in the top 50 in the country. It has served the San Francisco Bay Area's emerging and mid-cap businesses, as well as high-net-worth individuals, since 1986 in a broad range of industries including financial services, technology, life science, manufacturing, food, wine and craft brewing, automotive, nonprofits, real estate and construction. The Firm's International Tax Practice is one of the largest on the West Coast and its well-recognized SEC practice serves approximately 35 public reporting companies, mostly in the technology industry. BPM was recently included in the 2015 Best Public Accounting Firms for Women List, by the Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance (AFWA) and American Women's Society of CPAs (AWSCPA). The Firm is also recognized as one of the Bay Area's Best Places to Work by Accounting Today, the North Bay Business Journal, the San Francisco Business Times and the Silicon Valley Business Journal.