

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our time of “fellowship” for the holidays at Brio’s Restaurant in Buckhead was amazing. It was good to just sit down with out an agenda and talk to everyone. We had 23 chapter members and guests attend the holiday party. In addition, we were able to raise almost \$700.00 for the Atlanta Community Food Bank.

As we move into the second half of our calendar year, the chapter will be working hard to implement additional programs to help build IMA Atlanta Chapter goals for its members. This will include a newly created Job Board on the website for members of the Atlanta Chapter to post company openings. In late May, we will be coordinating a 4 hour CPE program on Ethics so please continue to visit the website for updates.

As we move into the second half of the year, we will also be putting together our 2008-2009 Board. Our Board Selection Committee will be assembling their recommendations very soon so if you have an interest in participating and serving on the Board, please call or email me and I can help you decide where your efforts can best be utilized.

Hope to see you at the following IMA Atlanta Chapter events:

- January 15th Brian Moore, CPA (Fair Tax & Possible Implications)
- February 19th Panel Discussion on Mergers & Acquisitions.
- March 18th (Student Night) Margaret DeFrancisco COO Georgia Lottery Corp.
- April 22nd State Senator Chip Rogers (Immigrations Issues)
- May (4 hour Ethics Program)

Warm regards,
Daniel Guelzo, CTS, CPC
Chapter President

January Dinner Meeting – Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Crowne Plaza @ I-285 & Powers Ferry Rd
\$35 members, \$40 Non-members, \$20 For All Students and Professors

5:00pm to 6:00pm, Pre-Dinner Technical Meeting
6:00pm to 6:45pm, Networking/Social Time
6:46pm to 8:00pm, Dinner & Presentation

Pre-Dinner Technical Meeting

“MicroSoft Outlook, Functions & Features of the Newest Version” - Presented by Renee Nix of Computer Solutions 911, Inc.



Dinner Meeting Presentation

“The Fair Tax & Possible Implications” – Presented by Brian Moore, Senior Tax Manager with Grant Thornton, LLP.

Please join the IMA in thanking the past presidents of the chapter for sponsoring this month’s dinner meeting.

Please make your reservations by calling 404-525-2774 or by website at www.imaatlanta.org

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Renee Nix

President/CEO

Renee has over 21 years of experience in IT environments. Her expertise involves applications training and she is also certified as a Help Desk Professional.

With ten years in Web Design, Development and Internet marketing projects she has contributed and been involved with various company contracts such as; Vogue Magazine, Fannie Mae, EarthLink, Delta Airlines, American Business Women's Association, Weather Plus and Ace Marketing Services.

Renee Nix is the President\CEO and founder of Computer Solutions 911, Inc. which specializes in Web Development, Design, Marketing (SEO), plus full website maintenance, complete Hosting and Email solutions with 24/7 support.

Brian Moore

Senior Tax Manager

Brian is a Tax Senior Manager in the Atlanta office of Grant Thornton LLP. He has over 10 years of experience in providing tax consulting and compliance services to public and private large and middle-market businesses. Some of his specific service capabilities include:

- Managing complex tax compliance projects with consolidated entities filing in multiple jurisdictions (including management of large-scale tax compliance outsourcing engagements)
- Significant mergers and acquisitions experience including tax due diligence, documentation of net operating losses and other tax attributes
- Historic tax attribute defense and documentation resulting from IRS adjustments and settlements
- Extensive FAS 109 experience for public and private corporations
- Tax consulting and compliance for bankrupt entities
- Tax consulting, compliance, and structuring for partnerships and LLCs

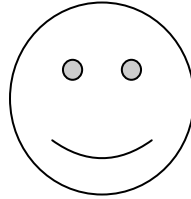
Brian's prior client experience included a variety of industries and clients including Bank of America, The Healthfield Group, Inc., Product Concepts Residential, Inc., FleetBoston Corporation, Post Properties, and various hedge funds and private equity funds.

Education: Bachelor of Science in Accountancy, University of Alabama

Affiliations: Member of the Georgia Society of CPAs, North Carolina Society of CPAs, Association for Corporate Growth

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Lunch Meeting – Thursday, January 24, 2008
NOTE THAT THIS MEETING IS AT THE LAW OFFICES OF ARNALL GOLDEN GREGORY, LLP

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Atlanta, GA 30363
(404) 873-8500

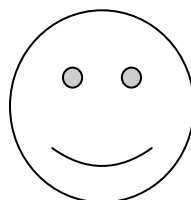
\$15 members, \$20 Non-members
11:45am to 1:00pm

“Topic & Speaker - “Employment Law Update”, presented by Ashley Steiner Kelly, Partner in the law firm of Arnall Golden Gregory, LLP.

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Please join the IMA in thanking **Arnall Golden Gregory, LLP** for their continued support of the IMA. You can learn more by visiting their website @ www.arnallgoldengregory.com.



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Ms. Kelly focuses her practice on counseling and training employers and representing them in discrimination, restrictive covenant, wage and hour, employment contract, ERISA and other employee benefits litigation. She also represents corporate clients in complex commercial litigation, including contract and franchise disputes and business tort claims. She has extensive experience before state and federal courts at the trial and appellate levels, as well as in arbitration, mediation, and other forms of alternative dispute resolution.

Professional Activities

State Bar of Georgia
American Bar Association, Section of Labor and Employment, EEO Committee
Emory University Law School Young Alumni Council, Class Representative, 1997-2002
Lamar Inn of Court, Barrister, 2000-2002

Education

B.A., Vanderbilt University, 1993
- Summa Cum Laude
- Phi Beta Kappa
- Alexander Heard Award for outstanding Graduate in
Political Science
J.D., Emory Law School, 1997
- With Distinction
- Order of the Coif
- *Emory Law Journal*, Editorial Board

Admitted to Practice

State of Georgia, 1997
Georgia Court of Appeals
Georgia Supreme Court
United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia
United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

Additional Information

Articles and Publications

Contributor. [Inside the Minds: Mediation and Arbitration Best Practices](#). Aspatore Books, 2007.
"Respecting Religion and Ethnicity in the Workplace: Protecting Your Company From the Wave of Title VII Claims Brought Since September 11th."
"Remission of Guilt or Removal Of Punishment? The Effects of a Presidential Pardon," *Emory Law Journal*, Spring, 1997.
"HR 101: From Hiring to Firing: The Basic Policies and Procedures that Every Employer Needs."
"Termination Without Trepidation: Guidelines and Procedures for Employee Termination."

Workplace Dos' and Dons', Ethics, Disaster Recovery and Record Retention

Speakers:

**Bert M. Guy, Esq. and Blake A. Madison, Esq. – Tanner & Guin, LLC,
Donny Hayes and Chris Parton – Blue Cross and Blue Shield of AL, and
Trudy M. Phillips – File Management, LLC**

Friday, February 15, 2008

Registration

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Seminar with breaks

8 hrs CPE

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Catered Lunch

12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Location:

Hilton Garden Inn

520 Wildwood North Circle

Birmingham, AL 35209

(205) 314-0274

Room Rate: \$119.00/night

Reservations:

1-800-HILTONS or on-line at Hilton.com – Code IMA

Deadline: 01/15/2008

Mapquest.com directions can be found using address above.

Open to all members – NO Charge!

Sat., Feb. 16, 10:00 a.m.

GulfSouth Council Meeting

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Pricing Information:	Received	Received
	<u>by 2-01-08</u>	<u>after 2-01-08</u>
Member	\$165	\$190
Non-Member	\$195	\$215
Students	\$85	\$110

I have enclosed a check payable to **IMA Gulf South Council** for \$_____ to cover the cost of registration. Payment must be received by 2/01/08 to guarantee early registration price. All fees must be received by 2/08/08 or arrangements made to pay at sign-in.

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS:

Bert M. Guy – Managing Member of Tanner & Guin, LLC. His practice consists of experience in the areas of workplace issues and how they impact the strategic growth and management of companies and organizations. He has experience in serving as a strategic advisor to clients in the areas of trademark and copyright issues, antitrust and business dispute issues, and has assisted clients in libel, slander and defamation cases. www.tannerguin.com.

Blake A. Madison - Member of Tanner & Guin, LLC. He practices in the areas of business, corporate and commercial law, with an emphasis on state and local taxes. He has experience handling complex contract negotiations. Mr. Madison has additional experience in the areas of health care law, issues related to the privacy and security of information, and tax incentive issues. www.tannerguin.com.

Chris Parton – Employed at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama in 1997. He is currently the Department Manager of Information Security and Business Recovery Planning and has been an active participant in BCBSAL's disaster planning activities since 2002 and has led their pandemic planning efforts since they began in 2005. He has a BS Degree in Nursing and holds a Master's degree in Health Informatics. He also received the Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) designation in 2004. Prior to BCBSAL, Chris began his career in the Department of Pediatric Cardiology at UAB Hospital in Birmingham.

Donny Hayes – Employed at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama in 1997. For the last five years he has worked in Information Security where he is currently the Information Security Manager. He has been overseeing the BCBSAL Continuity Program for the last 8 months. He received the Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) designation in 2004.

Trudy M. Phillips – President of File Management, LLC. She founded a document imaging service company in 1984 in Birmingham and sold it in 1988. In 1996 she acquired a near bankrupt commercial records storage center and sold it to Iron Mountain in 1999. Since 1988, she has been consulting with Fortune 500 companies and small business to find solutions for their information management needs. She assists them in organizing their information, whether it is paper documents or electronic files. www.filemanagement.com.

ABOUT THIS SEMINAR

The seminar will be divided into four sessions. Attendees will receive a brief overview on each topic. All sessions must be attended by registrant for CPE credit.

Bert Guy will provide information regarding worker/employer related situations. His experience in handling issues for companies with problems in this area will be both informative and in some cases entertaining. Bert will cite cases that he has been involved in and show how they relate to workplace laws.

Blake Madison will speak on areas of ethics as they relate to the IMA's Statement of Ethical Professional Practice. He will present information on the Standards listed in the Statement of Ethical Professional Practice. These include Competence, Confidentiality, Integrity and Credibility.

Chris Parton and Donny Hayes will provide information on Disaster Recovery/Continuity of Operations Planning. They will provide tips on successful planning. How quickly your company can get back to business after a tornado, fire or flood often depends on emergency planning done today. Chris and Donny will also provide information on adopting business practices that are related to an influenza pandemic.

Trudy Phillips will provide information on record retention as it relates to industry standards and IRS regulations. She will also present information on file management. Trudy will discuss solutions to organizing files both in electronic and paper form.

**What are you waiting for?
REGISTER TODAY!**

Take advantage of the Early Discount Rate by 2/1/08. Registration begins at 8:00 am and the seminar begins at 8:30 am. It concludes at 4:30 pm. Seminar fees include lunch, refreshment breaks, and all course materials. Course fees are payable in advance. Checks should be made payable to:

Institute of Management Accountants – Gulf South Council

Register by mail:

Mail the completed registration form to:

**Gulf South Council - IMA
ATTN: Vicki Whitehead
2833 Intrepid Cut
Marietta, GA 30062**

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Fax the attached registration form to:

205-220-0005

Attn: Cheryl W. Thomas

Early Registration Payments must be

Received by 2/01/08 and late registration by 2/08/08-mail to Vicki.

Any Questions: Please call Robin Mangham, Council President at 205-220-2738 or Cheryl Thomas, 2nd VP at 205-220-3875.

PayPal registration available online at www.gulfsouth.imanet.org

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