EDWARD D. MILES, CPA

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT



INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

- Manufacturing
- Insurance & Financial Services
- Clean Energy
- · Global Distribution & Retail
- Aerospace & Defense
- Public Accounting

FUNCTIONAL EXPERIENCE

- U.S. GAAP External Financial Reporting
 - Securities Act of 1933
 - Securities Exchange Act of 1934
- International External Financial Reporting
- Budgeting & Forecasting
- Internal Management Reporting
- Month- and Year-End Closing Processes
- EDP Systems Implementation
- ISO/SOX/Model Audit Rule Compliance
- Project Management
- Treasury Management
- Mergers & Acquisitions
 - Debt Financing
 - · Equity Financing
 - **Technical Accounting Research**
- Change Management
- Audit Coordination and Support

SYSTEMS EXPERIENCE

- NetSuite
- Microsoft Dynamics NAV
- Oracle
- QuickBooks
- Workiva ('34 Act filings & proxies)
- Broadridge ('33 Act filings & proxies)
- Certent (stock-based compensation)
- AST Financial (equity-based accounting)
- VATGlobal (international tax)
- JP Morgan (banking platform)
- Wells Fargo (banking platform)
- Advanced Excel

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS Bachelor of Science, Accounting Indiana University of Pennsylvania Indiana, Pennsylvania

Certified Public Accountant

North Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants

USMI Trade Association

Washington, DC (Former) Chairman, Accounting & Finance Committee

North Carolina ALS Association

Raleigh, NC (Former) Chairman, Board of Directors

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Ed is a seasoned accounting professional and experienced financial executive with over 35 years of varied accounting and audit experience supporting publicly traded companies and a background with a Big 4 accounting firm. He is a proven problem solver and change management leader who takes the time to understand current processes and existing facts and circumstances to develop solutions that drive process improvements and overall acceptance and adoption.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Most recently, for a multi-location regional bank, engaged by the outgoing CFO to provide Controllerto-CFO support during the outgoing CFO's transition, also covering the accounting workstreams of an underperforming Controller, all during a period of intense scrutiny from regulators. Managed monthend close process, prepared a three-year operating budget, process the Bank's payroll, and was deeply entrenched in asset & liability (ALM) management.
- Previously completed engagement as Interim Controller for publicly traded clean energy company; led
 month-end close process, performing technical research, & mentoring staff until a new Controller was
 identified. He implemented monthly and quarterly general ledger account reconciliations.
- Prior to Vaco, served as Corporate Controller for Charles & Colvard, a manufacturer and retailer of lab
 grown gemstones, responsible for internal and external financial reporting and SEC regulatory
 compliance, annual and quarterly budgeting and regularly presented financial data to the Company's
 Board of Directors. Ed was also responsible to interpret and implement new accounting standards and
 was chairman of the company's Disclosure Committee. He had oversight of all financial and internal
 controls, including SOX and Model Audit Rule. Lastly, Ed managed relationships with independent
 auditors, outside securities counsel, & commercial banks.
- Prior to Ed's time at Charles & Colvard (where Vaco placed Ed first as a consultant, he supported a
 publicly traded clinical research organization with SEC reporting and technical accounting support.
- While Ed was Controller for the US Mortgage Insurance Division of Genworth Financial, he was
 responsible for internal and external US GAAP & NAIC SSAP financial reporting and SEC regulatory
 compliance for the business segment & legal insurance entities, responsible for implementing
 accounting standards, served on Disclosure Committee, managed the segment's relationship with the
 independent auditors, regulatory examiners, commercial bankers, as well as its internal and external
 actuaries, and represented Genworth at trade group meetings, FASB and AICPA Roundtable hearings.
- In Ed's role at BlueCross and BlueShield, he reported directly to the company's SVP CFO with financial
 oversight of two operating departments (with multiple employees) and held an enterprise level project
 management role that included efforts to strengthen internal controls and financial reporting integrity.
- During his tenure at Martin Marietta Materials, he was responsible for U.S GAAP and SEC financial reporting and the federal and state income functions. Ed is experienced in significant mergers and acquisitions experience, including due diligence and contract negotiations & significant business combinations (Lockheed Martin Marietta merger and Martin Marietta Materials IPO).
- At PricewaterhouseCoopers, Ed served on the audit staff for the firm's Washington, DC, Office.

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| PROFESSIONAL CHRONOLOGY | |
| February 2024 – Present | Professional Consultant Vaco |
| 2018 – September 2023 | Corporate Controller Charles & Colvard, Ltd. |
| 2015 – 2018 | Professional Consultant Vaco |
| 2006 – 2015 | VP & Controller – US Mortgage Insurance (USMI) Genworth Financial, Inc. |
| 2003 – 2006 | Director, Financial Services BlueCross and BlueShield of North Carolina |
| 1994 – 2003 1990 – 1994 1987 – 1990 1987 – 2003 | VP Controller & CAO Assistant Controller, Mergers & Acquisitions Accounting Policy Director Lockheed Martin Corporation, Martin Marietta Materials |
| 1976 – 1987 | Assurance Auditor PWC |