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Senior Manager
Health Care and Not-for-Profit Services Group
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Based in Melville where she oversees 45 audit professionals, Blair works with organizations, including large hospital systems, large physician groups, diagnostic imaging centers and clinics. She specializes in the audits of financial statements, consulting on third-party reimbursement issues and strategic planning and organizational development. Blair joined BDO in 1998 after spending two years in public accounting at a firm in Rockville Centre where she began her career. She is a member of the Healthcare Financial Management Association.

William A. Eber

Partner
Mina Higgins & Eber

Eber in late 2009 co-founded this litigation support, forensic and business valuation accounting partnership in Melville with Bruce Mina and Stephen Higgins. Before starting his own firm, he was a director in the litigation support department of Amper Politziner & Mattia in New York City. Eber and his firm specialize in business valuations, forensic accounting and litigation support to law firms throughout the New York metropolitan area.

Michelle E. Espey

Associate
Moritt Hock Hamroff & Horowitz

Taxes involve attorneys and accountants, making lawyers as well as CPAs key players in tax matters. An attorney at this Garden City-based firm, Espey specializes in many aspects of tax law, business tax planning, state and local taxation and tax controversy matters. She represents many individuals and businesses in audits and collection matters before the Internal Revenue Service and New York State Department of Taxation and Finance.

Andrew Ross

Partner
Gettry Marcus Stern & Lehrer

Ross as of this year was named a partner at this Woodbury-based accounting firm. He has more than 25 years of experience, providing audit, tax and litigation services to clients, including many in the service, manufacturing and wholesale industries. As a member of the firm's business valuation and litigation support group Ross has handled shareholder disputes, bankruptcies, health care fraud and business valuations. He also is a member of the firm's quality control committee.

Keri Shannon

Associate
Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman

Shannon is part of this East Meadow-

based law firm's real estate tax certiorari and condemnation practice group. She assists in preparing tax certiorari cases trial, provides legal research and analysis and drafts legal memoranda of law. She is also responsible for residential, small claims tax certiorari cases, for which she attends hearings and processes reductions. She worked as a paralegal for the firm's tax certiorari and condemnation department for six years before becoming an associate.

Timothy Weld

Partner
PricewaterhouseCoopers

A partner in PWC's Healthcare Assurance Practice in Melville, Weld has 17 years experience in providing audit and consulting services exclusively to health care clients. He manages all phases of health care audit engagements and services health care companies, nonprofit academic medical centers, hospitals and health systems and publicly traded laboratory test and home health companies. Weld also helps with internal control reviews and assessments, including evaluations relating to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and corporate governance practices, risk assessments health care institutions and due diligence related to acquisitions. Weld has served some of the nation's most prestigious and complex health care organizations. He is a member of the Healthcare Financial Management Association.



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