BIOGRAPHY



Kelly Smith

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As the firm’s Director of Assurance & Advisory (A&A), Kelly specializes in audits of commercial enterprises spanning a variety of industries, including manufacturing, banking and electronic payments, construction, and certain service industries, and in the audits of many nonprofit entities. When Kelly joined the firm in 2014, he brought with him over 20 years of accounting and auditing experience acquired through leadership roles in public accounting, internal auditing, and corporate accounting.

Prior to joining SEK, Kelly led audit and attestation teams for a national ‘Big 4’ accounting firm serving clients ranging from global to local. During this time, Kelly focused on financial services (financial institutions, broker-dealers, registered investment companies, venture capital, and private equity firms), manufacturing, healthcare, and nonprofit organizations. During his tenure at a large core site of a Fortune 500 multinational electronic payments corporation, he held various leadership roles. As a member of the internal audit function, he established and led the internal audit function, developed and executed internal control audits, efficiency audits, and compliance audits. When he transitioned into a corporate accounting role, he led a 30+ member accounting department, while concurrently traveling domestically and abroad (India, Mexico, Argentina, Brazil) to perform regulatory and GAAP compliance assessments, resource and structuring assessments, support major system conversions and provide accounting leadership for the launch of new product and service offerings.

His experience with external and internal audits, internal control design and implementation, and corporate accounting enable him to serve and collaborate with our clients in a variety of industries and capacities. Kelly has been a Member of the Firm since 2017. In addition to his client responsibilities, Kelly serves as chair of A&A Committee, co-chair of the A&A Efficiency Task Force, and a member of Management Committee.

Areas of Practice

- Audits, Reviews & Compilations
- Business Tax & Advisory
- Peer Reviews
- Money Transfer & Exchange

Industries

- Affordable Housing
- Money Service & Financial Institutions
- Manufacturing & Distribution
- Nonprofit
- Construction & Real Estate
- Closely-Held Businesses
- Professional Service Firms
- Retail

Community Involvement

- Leadership Washington County – Past Board of Directors
- Washington County Chamber of Commerce – Past Treasurer
- Discovery Station at Hagerstown – Past Board of Directors

Education

- B.S. Accounting – Towson University
- M.B.A. General Management – Loyola University Maryland

Certifications

- Certified Public Accountant – Maryland, Pennsylvania
- Chartered Global Management Accountant
- AICPA International Financial Reporting Standards Certificate

Professional Affiliations

- American Institute of CPAs - Member
- Maryland Association of CPAs - Member
- Pennsylvania Institute of CPAs - Member