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EDUCATION

2021

CPI – Merit

2017 – 2020

ACA - Chartered Accountant

First time passes on all exams, with an overall average mark of 80%.

2013 - 2017

BSc (Hons) Economics with Econometrics and a Year in Industry, 1st Class

University of Kent

2005 - 2012

A Level - Economics (A), History (B), Physics (C)

GCSEs - 10 Grade A*-B, including Maths and English

KEY SKILLS

Experience managing insolvency cases, including UK statutory appointments and international recovery actions.

- Creation and implementation of complex international recovery strategies.
- Management of statutory and non-statutory insolvency cases with large teams including fulfilling appropriate reporting requirements.
- Strong communication skills aligning stakeholders with different priorities in high pressure environments.

Experience of audits for a range of clients, including professional services, facilities management and hospitality.

- Analysis of forecast and accounting judgements.
- Project management, including running teams of up to eight people and being responsible for timely delivery of quality work.
- Ability to work independently, as well as a team member, to successfully achieve project goals and objectives.
- Building strong working relationships with stakeholders and providing sound advice on audit key control matters.
- Strong communication skills to help enable clear and concise discussions with colleagues and clients, including senior management.

WORK EXPERIENCE

November 2020 – Present

Insolvency and Asset Recovery Manager, Grant Thornton (London office)

Roles and Responsibilities

- Managing a range of cases, including statutory UK insolvency processes, international asset tracing engagements and contentious enforcement actions.
- My role includes managing the investigations, strategy creation and implementation on a range of cases. This includes working closely with law firms to bring claims on behalf of liquidation and bankruptcy estates, or directly for creditors.

Sept 2017 – October 2020

Qualified ACA Associate, Grant Thornton (London office)

I have first time passes on all exams, with an overall average mark of 80%.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Leading audit engagements using the GT LEAP methodology, from planning through to completion on a range of clients including listed, international and large groups.
- Performing and documenting audit work with a high-degree of accuracy within defined time constraints.
- Being part of the team on large AQR population engagements throughout all three years, including being responsible for the analysis on the highest risk contracts.
- Organising work allocation for teams of up to eight people and being responsible for the timely delivery of quality work.
- Being the main point of contact on a range of engagements, whilst building strong relationships with client teams.
- Coaching more junior members of the team and being responsible for their quality of work.
- Demonstrating problem solving ability when faced with difficult situations, complex judgements and tight deadlines.

MAJOR AUDITS UNDERTAKEN

Duff & Phelps UK

- International professional services group with entities throughout Europe and a turnover of £143m (2019).
- Led the audit as in-charge accountant, with a team of 8 members and being responsible for the timely delivery of quality work.
- Challenging audit due to judgemental accrued income, acquisitions and complex consolidation. This included a range of subsidiaries which required local audits and liaising with international engagement leads.

Interserve PLC

- Highly judgemental work on the most risky contracts in order to forecast it's future performance, as well as investigating reporting fraud over multiple years to provide clarity over the full accounting impact.
- High level of scrutiny due to the engagement being within the AQR population, being a PLC & going through a very public debt for equity swap.
- Strong quality standards maintained in a pressured work environment, with tight deadlines.

SOCIAL

- Participated in several events including the JP Morgan run, BAME Leaders Unlocked and co-ran a session to align audit and tax. I also ran the fantasy football league for London Audit & Tax.

August 2015 - August 2016

Audit placement Student, Grant Thornton (Manchester office)

I worked in the audit department as a placement student in Manchester working predominantly on manufacturing & supermarket engagements.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Working on a range of audits, particularly in the manufacturing and supermarket sectors including listed clients.
- Operating in a variety of teams, auditing the majority of account balances.
- Consistently producing high quality work and achieved a 'performing strongly' annual review grading.

IT SKILLS

Microsoft Word, Excel & powerpoint – Advanced.

INTERESTS

Keen cyclist, runner & skier, reading & travel.

REFERENCES

Available on request.