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The accounting profession faces massive disruption in the coming years through technologies like artificial intelligence, blockchain and automation, as well as rapidly changing tax and accounting laws and regulations. What will the profession look like in five or 10 years? What other dramatic changes are coming? What can

professional do in the near term to ready themselves and their firms, and to

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