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Career Highlights:

Passing the CPA exam and starting my career with PricewaterhouseCoopers was a dream come true. Passing the bar exam and joining a downtown Fort Worth law

firm was another dream come true. In 2014 I started my law firm focused on tax

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CPA in private practice.

What are you doing to make a difference in the profession, your community, the world?

I'm active in leadership positions for professional organizations because I think it's important to lead by example and to pay it forward to the next wave of graduates entering the profession. Mentorship is crucial to career development and being a leader accessible to new graduates is a great place to start. Beyond Fort Worth and indeed Texas, I have the privilege of travelling to Malawi in Sub-Saharan Africa for work. During a recent visit, with the help of our local partners, I was able to organize a continuing education event and job networking fair for over 100 accounting students attending the University of Malawi. I presented on the importance of ethics in the profession and had an opportunity to highlight US/International Reporting Standards similarities and differences. We handed out lapel pins and fact cards donated by the FW Chapter – TXCPA and served a catered lunch attended by professors, business leaders, and a diverse set of sponsors and speakers. I was honored to be included as a speaker, and my hope is that students were able to walk away with some new perspectives on the profession as well as have more knowledge about real internship and job opportunities.

Favorite books/websites/speakers that you find influential:

Good to Great by Jim Collins; To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee; Africa's Business Revolution: How to Succeed in the World's Next Big Growth Market by Acha Leke; Epsilon Theory Newsletters by W. Ben Hunt, PhD; Wall Street Journal

What do you see yourself doing professionally in 10 years?

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What websites/magazines do you use to keep up on news of the accounting profession?

- *Accounting Today; Journal of Accountancy; CPA Practice Advisor; Bloomberg; IRS.gov*

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