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## Partners

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Top 20 CPA and advisory firm [Carr, Riggs & Ingram](#), LLC (CRI) has named 17 new partners.

"At CRI, we recognize the capacity in which we are considered leaders in our profession and we have not only the staff but also the partner group to reflect that. We understand the direction that our industry is headed and are constantly looking to engage the younger generation of partners in decisions that will help propel the firm forward," stated [Bill Carr](#), CRI's managing partner and chairman. "It's always a pleasure to introduce and welcome so many brilliant individuals to partnership within CRI. Over the years, I've had countless opportunities to watch new partners expand their careers and grow into truly amazing individuals, each with an immeasurable drive to succeed and improve our firm. The talent that this new

partner group offers is truly limitless and I know that together, CRI is headed in a

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performed by CRI. She is also known for reviewing and approving all single audits issued by the firm.

### **New Partners from Atlanta, Georgia:**

With over 15 years of experience, **Hillary Collier, CPA, CITP**, delivers auditing, accounting, and advisory services to a diverse group of clients in industries like manufacturing and distribution, technology, and real estate. She is known for her more specific work with employee benefit plans. Hillary focuses on the planning, organizing, and reviewing of audits to achieve maximum efficiency and risk coverage. She adds value to the work she does for her clients by assisting with improving controls and operational efficiencies.

With over 19 years of experience in the public accounting industry, **Megan Makar, CPA**, has had the opportunity to manage engagement teams in a variety of industries including manufacturing, distribution, construction, finance, and not-for-profit. Her expertise includes auditing employee benefit plans for organizations with as few as 100 employees and as many as 15,000 employees. Megan is best known for her work with Employee Benefit Plan (EBP) audits, employee benefit planning and auditing, financial statement audits, and reviews and compilations.

Offering more than 13 years of experience, **Bob Steinhardt, CPA**, specializes in pass-through taxation for closely-held businesses and taxation of high net worth individuals. He is also known for his extensive experience working closely with both athletes and entertainers.

### **New Partner from Clearwater, Florida:**

**Cathy Haug, CPA**, has 20 years of experience in public accounting, providing tax compliance, tax consulting, and business consulting services to small businesses and their owners in the Tampa Bay area. She provides tax and advisory services to

companies in various industries and has significant experience with opportunity

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trusts. Josh's experience spans a number of industries including financial services (securities broker/dealers), healthcare, manufacturing, distribution, oil and gas, professional services, and real estate.

With more than 10 years of experience, **Sarah Freeman, CPA**, offers federal and state income tax consulting and compliance for individuals and privately held businesses. Her expertise extends into a variety of industries, including real estate, manufacturing, and estates and trusts. Sarah also works with estates and trust and provide compliance and services for her clients.

#### **New Partner from Enterprise, Alabama:**

With more than 13 years of in-depth experience, **Mary Leslie, CPA**, offers expertise in areas like Employee Benefit Plan (EBP) audits, financial statement audits, internal audits, internal controls, and Sarbanes-Oxley (SOX) compliance. Her experience extends into a wide range of industries, including financial institutions. Mary also assists with the recruiting efforts led by the Enterprise office.

#### **New Partner from Houston, Texas:**

**David Boudreaux, CPA**, brings his clients over 15 years of experience providing tax planning, tax compliance, and tax controversy support. He supports clients across numerous industries such as real estate, oil and gas, manufacturing, IRS and state controversy, and IRS and state collections.

#### **New Partner from Jackson, Mississippi:**

With over 19 years of in-depth experience, **Heath Brister, CPA, CCA**, serves his clients by providing accounting and assurance services within construction and related industries. He provides audit, review, and compilation services to road builders, general contractors, and subcontractors. Heath also consults with clients regarding

maximizing bonding capacity, enhancing working capital, improving internal

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plans. Steven's expertise extends to industries such as insurance, manufacturing and distribution, transportation, and more.

Bringing more than 15 years of experience to the table, **David Spivey, CPA, CITP**, has dedicated his career to auditing and consulting services. He provides a variety of services within the financial institutions industry including Sarbanes-Oxley (SOX) compliance, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act (FDICIA) implementation, loan review, internal audit, and external audit.

#### **New Partners from New Orleans, Louisiana:**

With over 12 years of experience, **Chad Hudson, CPA, CFE, CFF, CVA**, provides forensic accounting, litigation, and valuation services to clients across numerous industries. He specializes in providing valuation services for transaction advisory, litigation, compliance, and planning purposes.

**Ryan Kruse, CPA**, brings over 14 years of experience to serve clients of various sizes, including public and private companies, in tax compliance and consulting. He specializes in industries like construction, not-for-profits, and multi-state businesses.

**Jean-Paul Tujague, CPA, CFE, CFF, CITP**, is a forensic CPA with over 20 years of business consulting experience, providing a wide range of forensic, IT, litigation, and other consulting services. For the past nine years, he has specialized in forensic accounting with an emphasis on both litigation support and fraud investigation services. J.P. has investigated fraud in public, private, and non-profit entities, and he has testified as an economic damages expert in both federal and state court cases.

#### **New Partner from Niceville, Florida:**

With nearly 10 years of experience, **Taylor Jackson, CPA, CFF**, provides a broad range

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the qualified retirement plan market. She uses her experience and knowledge to help clients design a customized retirement plan that fits their needs and goals.

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