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The members of the Accounting Thought Leader Symposium have elected David Cieslak, CPA.CITP, CGMA, GSEC, accounting technologist and chief cloud officer and executive vice president with RKL eSolutions, into *CPA Practice Advisor's* Accounting Hall of Fame. The announcement was made during a presentation at the 2020 meeting of the Thought Leader Symposium, an accounting think tank that meets annually. This year's meeting is being held in Kansas City, MO. Cieslak joins existing Accounting Hall of Fame members, Ron Baker, CPA; Gary Boomer, CPA.CITP, CGMA; Chris Frederiksen, CPA; Tom Hood, CPA.CITP, CGMA; Randy Johnston; Allan Koltin, CPA; Greg LaFollette, CPA.CITP, CGMA; Rick Richardson, CPA.CITP, CGMA; Doug Sleeter; and Jennifer Wilson.

"A long time ago, in a CPA firm far, far away, there was a CPA with a vision," began Gail Perry, editor-in-chief of *CPA Practice Advisor*, as she announced the award. She went on to describe Cieslak as having the patience to work with an accounting profession that doesn't always move at a quick pace, a taste for fine wine, and an endearing nickname. "This year's inductee into the Accounting Hall of Fame is Inspector Gadget, David Cieslak." Cieslak is a frequent personality at accounting conferences, speaking about the latest technology solutions, using the persona of Inspector Gadget.

Cieslak began his accounting career at Price Waterhouse in the 1980s, was a principal for Cieslak, Boynton & Speakman for eight years, and then spent 24 years with Arxis Technology in Simi Valley, CA. He has been with RKL eSolutions since

January 2018. Since its founding in 2002, RKL eSolutions has been providing

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that are shaping the profession and small businesses. Attendees travel from as far as Australia to attend the event. The 2020 Symposium is sponsored by [Intuit](#), [ADP](#), and [Zoho](#).

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