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Julian Dozier, CPA, ABV, CFF, CFE – 2021 40 Under 40 Honoree Shareholder Thomas Howell Ferguson P.A. CPAs https://thf.cpa

Career highlights:

• I began working in forensic accounting on my first day in public accounting – it

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- I became the assurance department director of Thomas Howell Ferguson on January 1, 2021, amid virtual auditing and a largely remote workforce.
- I was elected as the 95th Chair of the FICPA for a term beginning July 1, 2022.

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

- Professionally, I am Chair-Elect of the Florida Institute of CPAs, where I have been a volunteer almost my entire career. The importance of professional advocacy and networking cannot be overstated, and I am excited to help the FICPA engage and retain young members.
- In my community, I am Chair of Leadership Tallahassee, which cultivates a diverse network of emerging and experienced leaders committed to improving our community.
- For the world, I cannot succeed unless I raise a thoughtful, compassionate daughter and remember to take care of the less fortunate around us.

What do you like best about the accounting profession?

- One impactful takeaway from the AICPA's Leadership Academy was the creation of my personal mission statement, which is: "I will be the best father and friend I can be, live a fulfilling and engaging life, and strive to be a more complete person every day. I will use curiosity and dedication to provide insight and perspective, find the best answer to challenging issues, and work on projects that make a difference while encouraging those around me to achieve their best."
- This is why I enjoy forensic accounting and auditing, being and advocate for CPAs, and working as a shareholder at our firm: I get to live my personal mission every day. Everything I do speaks to some part of that statement.

• The opportunity for each of us to put our own stamp on our own career is what

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