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Professionals on the Move is a round-up of recent promotions, management changes, and other staffing announcements from across the profession.

CohnReznick Elevates Three to Commercial Real Estate Leadership Roles

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Paul Jhung, CPA, Partner, will lead the Northeast region. Based in CohnReznick's Manhattan office, Jhung provides assurance and attestation services throughout a real estate entity's life cycle, from start-up through dissolution.

Wesley Prato, CPA, Partner, will lead the South/West region. An assurance partner, Prato works with developers and private equity investors in commercial real estate companies, often helping developers attract investors into their next fund or project or assisting them in the transition from first project to first portfolio. Prato is based in the Chicago office.

Hertz Herson Announces New Partners

Hertz Herson, an accounting and consulting firm based in New York City, is proud to announce that effective January 1, 2024, Peter Blumkin, CPA, CGMA, and Philip T. Pasmanik, CPA, MST, have been admitted as Partners of Hertz Herson, solidifying their roles as esteemed members of the firm's leadership team.

Peter Blumkin, CPA, CGMA is admitted as a Partner with over 25 years of tax experience, Peter has demonstrated strong knowledge while managing tax compliance for various privately owned and closely held businesses. He serves clients in diverse industries, including manufacturing, technology, and real estate, providing tailored tax planning and consulting services.

Philip T. Pasmanik, CPA, MST is admitted as a Partner, bringing over 25 years of extensive experience in Federal, International, and State and Local taxation. Phil's background includes influential roles at Big 4 and National accounting and advisory firms, where he served both individual and corporate clients. His expertise spans various tax disciplines, from complex ASC 740 considerations to intricate transfer

pricing strategies. Phil excels in tax planning, structuring, consulting, and

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consists of 150 partners and 2,000 professionals, reporting to Crowe CEO Mark Baer.

Throughout his career, Edwards has established himself as a strong people and client leader, with a deep commitment to development, growth, and exceptional service. He brings a strong background in leadership, people development, account management, strategy development, digital enablement, innovative delivery, and organizational design.

Edwards joins Crowe from EY, where he began his career and most recently served as Americas, Consumer Industry Supply Chain Leader. Edwards received his BBA from the University of Notre Dame and an MBA from Indiana University.

Randy Smith Named Chief Information Officer at Blue & Co., LLC

Blue & Co., LLC, an independent accounting and advisory firm, recently announced that Randy Smith has joined the firm as the new Chief Information Officer (CIO), beginning January 22, 2024.

Smith has spent 17 years serving in various leadership roles where he implemented strategic technology initiatives that enhanced business processes, minimized information security risks, and improved operations.

Smith received a Bachelor of Science degree in Information Technology from [American Intercontinental University](#) in Chandler, AZ, and a master's in business administration (MBA) from [Xavier University](#) in Cincinnati, OH. He is a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Cisco Certified Network Associate Routing and Switching (CCNA), ITIL Foundation Certified, and a Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer.

FORVIS appoints Ryan Swope as national practice leader for Loan Review

FORVIS, an integrated professional services firm has appointed Ryan Swope as its

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consulting services in credit administration, cash flow analysis, loan underwriting, and loan collateral documentation.

Before joining FORVIS, Swope worked in the commercial credit department of a community bank. Swope is a graduate of Indiana University, Bloomington, where he earned a bachelor's degree in marketing and operations management.

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