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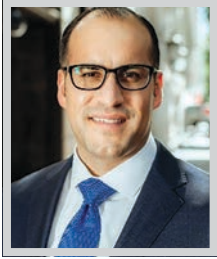
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# 2026 HONOREES



## ROBERT HYMERS

Managing Partner  
Pinnacle Tax Services

With several years of both tax and auditing experience at Ernst & Young (EY), Robert is the founder and managing partner of Pinnacle Tax Services, Inc. and specializes in providing tax and accounting services for a host of different industries. Pinnacle Tax specializes in helping small and mid-sized businesses located in the greater LA area maintain tax compliance. He also has a specialty in assisting cannabis companies with the rigorous tax compliance including Section 280E reporting requirements.

Separate from his involvement with his CPA and Consulting practices, Hymers was a managing partner of a multi strategy hedge fund called Dutchess Capital from 2019 to 2023. Hymers resigned from the fund to start a new hedge fund called Liqueous Capital in 2023.

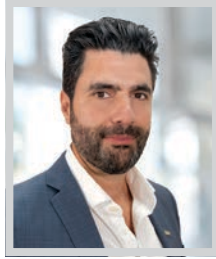


## CATHY HYODO

Market Managing Partner, Greater Southwest Region, Grant Thornton Advisors LLC; Partner, Audit Services, Grant Thornton

Cathy Hyodo is an exceptional leader whose more than 30 years in the accounting profession have been marked by innovation, strategic impact and an unwavering commitment to developing others. Her career reflects both extraordinary professional achievement and a values-driven leadership philosophy that has shaped organizations, clients and colleagues across the industry.

As the market managing principal for Grant Thornton's Greater Southwest offices, including Los Angeles, Hyodo leads hundreds of tax, audit and advisory professionals while guiding the firm's operational and client-service strategy across one of its most dynamic markets.



## ALEX IACOBELLI

Assurance Principal  
BDO USA

Alex Iacobelli, assurance principal at BDO USA's Los Angeles office, brings an industry-informed approach to providing sound assurance services that has made him a trusted leader within the firm and with clients in various industries throughout the Southern California market. Over the course of a 20-year career spent entirely with BDO, Iacobelli has evolved from serving financial services and real estate clients to building and leading one of Los Angeles' most specialized and trusted media and entertainment practices.

Iacobelli has helped shape and grow BDO's media and entertainment unit into a recognized center of excellence, carrying on the legacy of his mentor and former managing partner of BDO Los Angeles, the late Bradley Schrupp. Together, they built the practice from the ground up.

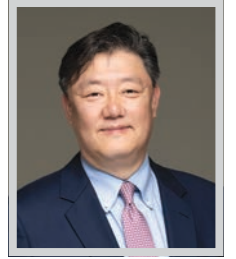


## KENNY JACKSON

Vice President; Fund Accounting & Operations  
Oaktree Capital Management, L.P.

Kenny Jackson is a highly respected CPA and vice president whose leadership and technical expertise have been essential to the many strengths of Oaktree Capital Management's fund accounting platform. In his executive role, Jackson provides strategic fund accounting oversight across complex private credit, distressed debt, and opportunistic investment strategies, demonstrating exceptional mastery of US GAAP, partnership accounting, valuation methodologies, and investor reporting in a highly regulated alternative asset environment.

Jackson leads critical closed-end fund audit coordination efforts and is accountable for key corporate deliverables. He manages and develops a team of accounting professionals, fostering a high-performance culture.



## ALBERT JANG

Managing Partner  
Kim & Lee, LLP

Albert Jang, CPA has been instrumental in transforming how small and mid-sized organizations access accounting and advisory services by rethinking both service delivery and the role of the accounting professional.

Early in his leadership, Jang recognized that traditional, compliance-driven accounting models were not meeting the evolving needs of growing businesses. In response, he led the adoption of a Client Advisory Services (CAS) model, shifting the firm's focus from historical reporting to ongoing financial insight, planning, and decision support. This approach emphasizes regular engagement, meaningful financial conversations, and proactive guidance – helping clients understand not just what happened, but what to do next.



## YISHAI KABAHER

Partner  
Gursey Schneider LLP

Yishai Kabaker, CPA and partner at Gursey Schneider in Los Angeles, has risen to the top of the tax ranks in California. He brings a blend of real-world experience and technical acumen to his role advising high-net-worth individuals and their privately held businesses on complex tax matters, with the ability to design holistic, tax-efficient plans that cover everything from corporate structuring to estate planning, charitable giving, wealth transfer, and more.

Kabaker began his career in business management for a family office, where he mastered all of the facets of a high-net-worth household before pivoting to his current role as a public accounting firm partner. He now leads the Tax Department at Gursey Schneider alongside colleague Brian Gray, overseeing a team of 105 professionals, delivering personalized tax solutions.



## IAN KANG

Tax Principal; Los Angeles  
Tax Practice Leader  
BDO USA

From his journey as a first-generation immigrant from Korea to leading one of the fastest-growing tax markets at BDO USA, Ian Kang's career in accounting is defined by breaking barriers and achieving success through leadership and perseverance. Today, he has built a reputation as a leader of influence, pairing nearly two decades of tax strategy expertise with visionary leadership to strengthen BDO USA's local presence.

With the mind of an accountant but the spirit of a salesman, much of Kang's success is owed to his relationship-driven approach – his ability to build rapport quickly, earn trust, and establish himself as a strategic advisor. He shares an entrepreneurial mindset with many of his clients, who are business owners and other accomplished individuals who have followed a similar path.

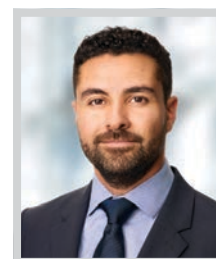


## MIRIAM KAPLAN

Partner; CAS Practice Leader  
Duffy Kruspodin, LLP

Miriam Kaplan, MBA, CPA, is a partner and the Client Advisory Services (CAS) practice leader at Duffy Kruspodin, LLP, where she is driving one of the firm's most strategic growth initiatives: helping businesses gain timely, accurate visibility into their financial performance. Kaplan leads a team delivering outsourced accounting, fractional controller and CFO services, and data-driven financial insights to small and mid-sized enterprises across Southern California. She brings a modern, technology-enabled approach to advisory, equipping business owners with clear, actionable intelligence on liquidity, solvency, profitability, and operational efficiency.

Under Kaplan's leadership, clients are empowered to scale sustainably, prepare for transactions, and make critical decisions with foresight rather than hindsight.



## JACK KARAGULLEYAN

Tax Principal  
BDO USA

Over the course of his 19-year career with local and national public accounting firms in Los Angeles, Jack Karagulleyan, CPA, tax principal and National Digital Assets Practice leader at BDO USA, has evolved from a tax generalist into a nationally recognized specialist in blockchain and digital asset taxation, positioning both his firm and its clients ahead of one of the profession's most complex and rapidly developing areas.

Karagulleyan has developed extensive knowledge and experience advising companies across a range of industries, including technology, retail, family offices, and financial services. By interpreting emerging tax regulations and translating complex technical implications, Karagulleyan has become a trusted advisor to more than 75 clients navigating new asset classes and evolving compliance requirements.



## IGAL KHOSHLESAN

Partner  
Miller Kaplan

Khoshlesan has proudly built his career at Miller Kaplan, developing his public accounting experience over the last 20+ years. With his passion and keen knowledge in supporting non-government organizations and non-profit organizations, Khoshlesan has centered his attention on supporting charitable institutes, labor organizations, and employee benefit plans.

Khoshlesan has played a leadership role as part of Miller Kaplan's audit facilitation team, providing audit training for new hires, championing technology-driven solutions by leveraging data analytics, and being a leading voice on adopting AI automation. His expertise has guided the firm's technology and digital investments and brought more attention to further advancing client and community relationships.