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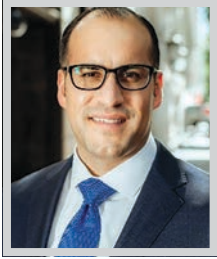
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## ROBERT HYMERS

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.

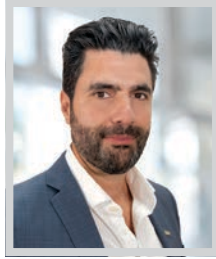


## CATHY HYODO

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.

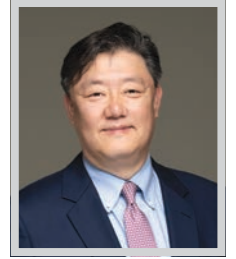


## KENNY JACKSON

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.

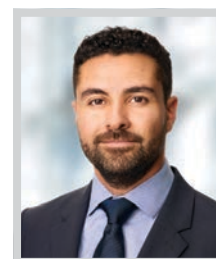


## MIRIAM KAPLAN

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.

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**SATPAL NAGPAL**  
*Partner; Audit and Assurance  
 Practice Leader  
 GHJ*

**S**atpal Nagpal, CPA, leads GHJ's Audit and Assurance Practice, overseeing a team of national employees that serve leading clients throughout Los Angeles and the country. With a passion for technology and knack for developing efficiencies and process improvements, Nagpal goes above and beyond his mandate by streamlining procedures and always being on the forefront of technology adoption.

Nagpal leads the implementations of new technologies and out-of-the-box solutions that make the Audit and Assurance Practice better equipped to take on larger clients with complex needs and remain resilient in a competitive field. In the past few years, Nagpal optimized the firm's remote audit.



**DEMEIL NISSAN**  
*Partner  
 Duffy Kruspodin, LLP*

**D**emeil Nissan is a CPA and partner in public accounting who brings deep technical skill and thoughtful leadership to his work in tax planning and complex transaction support. He is known for helping clients navigate important financial decisions with care, precision, and a clear understanding of today's evolving tax environment. His experience across professional services, investment partnerships, and real estate structures allows him to provide practical guidance in situations that require strong judgment and expertise.

Nissan also plays a key leadership role within the firm. He is a trusted advisor to clients and colleagues alike, recognized for his steady approach, responsiveness, and integrity.



**PARNIA PANDKHO**  
*Partner  
 Armanino LLP*

**A** former CFO and controller, Parnia Pandkhou has over 15 years of public and private accounting experience. She serves clients in a wide range of industries, including retail, entertainment, bioplastics, technology and real estate. Taking a comprehensive approach, inclusive of operational aspects, she provides expertise in financial planning and analysis driven by KPIs.

Pandkhou has showcased expertise in interim CFO roles, successfully navigating mergers and acquisitions while integrating corporate cultures and optimizing business functions. She has spearheaded the establishment of business outsourcing services in new, challenging markets, particularly within the real estate and cannabis industries.



**DAVID PAPOTTA**  
*Director, Tax & Business Services  
 Maridea Wealth Management*

**B**ringing over 25 years of experience in public and private accounting, providing clients with practical solutions and trusted guidance across a wide range of industries, including agriculture, aviation, construction, entertainment, professional services, and more. He specializes in helping clients with complex financial, tax, and business planning needs, including audits, reviews, and compliance for companies with significant assets.

A licensed CPA in California and Idaho with auditing and forensics background from the AICPA, Papotta is known for his hands-on approach and deep expertise. His areas of expertise include business management, forensic accounting, tax return preparation, and attest engagements.



**ABHI PARIKH**  
*Partner; Tax Practice Leader  
 Richey May SoCal*

**A**bhi Parikh represents a new generation of accounting leaders whose expertise bridges sophisticated real estate tax strategy, private equity consulting, and high-net-worth client service. With a unique background that spans Big Four experience and entrepreneurial practice development, Parikh distinguishes himself through hands-on innovation, mentorship, and the delivery of holistic guidance on complex transactions.

As partner and Tax Practice leader at Richey May SoCal, Parikh leverages deep expertise in tax compliance and consulting to guide high-net-worth individuals, organizations, and partnerships through complex federal, state, and international tax challenges.

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## MATTHEW SPRAGUE

*Audit Partner; M&A Director*  
Hedman Partners LLP

**M**att Sprague has 15 years of public accounting experience providing hands-on, high quality assurance and accounting services to clients in a variety of industries, including manufacturing and distribution, financial services, nonprofit and technology and media services. Sprague has deep expertise in providing audit, review and compilation services to closely held and/or private equity backed middle-market companies and enjoys working with and advising business owners on accounting issues and business transactions.

Prior to joining Hedman Partners, Sprague was a director at a national accounting firm, serving middle-market public and private companies.

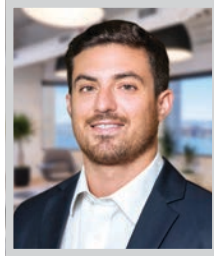


## KIMBERLY SUGIYAMA

*Senior Audit Manager, Assurance*  
Duffy Kruspodin, LLP

**A**s a senior audit manager in audit and assurance, Kimberly Sugiyama plays a central role in delivering high quality audit services across both public and private companies in multiple industries. She is a trusted technical resource within the firm, regularly providing guidance on complex accounting transactions and reporting matters that require strong judgment and deep knowledge of current standards. Her work directly supports client confidence and audit quality, particularly in challenging or high risk engagements.

Beyond client service, Sugiyama contributes meaningfully to firm growth by supporting audit proposals, budgeting efforts, and advisory discussions.



## WILL TANEM

*Partner*  
BPM

**W**ill Tanem quickly ascended as a leader in technical accounting. His career is defined by innovation, client impact, and a commitment to developing others. As partner and leader of BPM's Technical Accounting Practice, Tanem advises public and private companies across life sciences, technology, financial services, and consumer products. His expertise spans implementing new accounting standards, navigating complex business combinations, and preparing companies for initial public offerings and SPAC transactions.

Beyond client success, Tanem's most significant achievement has been founding and growing BPM's Technical Accounting Practice.



## KEN TEASDALE

*Partner*  
Armanino LLP

**K**en Teasdale consistently elevates both his clients and the profession through exceptional leadership, technical excellence, and forward-thinking innovation. As the Southern California audit growth leader, Teasdale plays a pivotal role in shaping and expanding the firm's audit practice across the region. His influence extends far beyond his core role. He has also co-led the Manufacturing and Distribution group in Southern California and the firm's nationwide Foundations and Grantmakers group, demonstrating his ability to drive impact at both regional and national levels.

Teasdale is known for delivering high quality audits while building trusted, long-term relationships with clients.



## CHRISTIAN TREGILLIS

*Partner*  
Hemming Morse, LLC

**C**hristian Tregillis is a nationally known accounting and financial expert that has been involved in complex commercial disputes, intellectual property valuation, and economic damages since the beginning of his career. In his current role as partner with Hemming Morse, Tregillis analyzes complex financial, accounting, economic, and statistical issues involved in litigation, valuation, and intellectual property licensing negotiations.

Tregillis has provided testimony in excess of 160 matters in State and Federal courts and arbitration proceedings throughout his 30+ year career. His experience includes testifying in over 60 trials and arbitrations. This degree of involvement is possessed by only the most credible and trusted experts.

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**Kevin Forootan**  
Managing Partner



**Kal Manasfi**  
Partner

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