**Amr Sakka, CPA**

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**SUMMARY:** Certified Public Accountant in CA and NM with fourteen years of external audit experience and tax experience working on financial statements audits, reviews, tax, and compilation for public, private and government engagements. Skilled in leading staff and managing projects to report status to partners to achieve an effective and timely audit. Extensive experience working on a multi-location engagement team (USA team and international team), building positive relationships with clients, and delivering results in pressure-intensive situations. Innovator and entrepreneur with five years in business leadership. Experienced in all aspects of business formation, operation, finance, and management. Visionary product developer with deep education in research and analytics. Effective communicator and motivator who identifies and leverages assets in teammates to reach organizational goals.

**PROFESSIONAL ACHEIVEMENTS:**

* Co-Founder of Friendly Marketing LLC ([www.friendlymarketing.us](http://www.friendlymarketing.us)) with two locations (USA and Malaysia)
* Graduate of 2021 Leadership Academy organized by New Mexico Society of CPAs
* Served as Vice-President of Doña Ana Chapter of CPAs in 2018
* Oversaw auditing key global clients in Technology, Oil and Gas, Banking, Insurance, Telecommunication and Brokerage as Audit Manager with BDO & PwC in USA, Europe & MENA.
* Successfully managed the Initial Public Offering (IPO) of one of the biggest insurance companies in Syria in 2010, listing it on the Damascus Securities Exchange
* Lionel D. Haight Scholarship, New Mexico State University – 2015

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

# Grant Thornton, LLP, Bay Area (SF/SJ), CA September 2023 – Present

# *Audit Senior Manager (Technology, M&A)*

# Responsible for overseeing and managing the audit engagements from beginning to end of project, ensuring completion of procedures timely and cost effectively.

# Assist client with complex matters, including software revenue recognition, business combinations, ASC 606 adoption, stock-based compensation, and complex financial instruments.

# Audit SaaS, Cloud Services & E-Commerce companies.

# Evaluate, document, and review procedures performed, and conclusions drawn in accordance with PCAOB and SOX audit requirements through experience on public SEC filers (10-K, 10-Q).

# Onboard, train, and manage global team (up to 15 team members on some multinational engagements)

# Develop and maintain client relationships.

# BDO USA, LLP, San Francisco Bay Area, CA March 2022 – September 2023

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# Frank, Rimerman + Co. LLP, San Francisco Bay Area, CA June 2021 – February 2022

# *Assurance and Advisory (Technology)*

# Responsible for overseeing and managing the audit engagements from beginning to end of project, ensuring completion of procedures timely and cost effectively.

# Evaluate, document, and review procedures performed, and conclusions drawn in accordance with PCAOB and SOX audit requirements through experience on public SEC filers (SPAC, IPO, S-1, 10-K, 10-Q).

# Audit SaaS & BaaS companies and VC.

# Onboard, train, and manage US and overseas based teams to complete and deliver required audit work.

# Friendly Marketing LLC, USA March 2020 – January 2022

# *Co-Founder and CFO (Technology)*

# Founded startup which focuses on the development of a platform helping entrepreneurs and business owners to build their go-to-market strategy and to enhance their website traffic. We apply our team’s expertise to develop innovative, and technology-driven solutions to solve our customers’ marketing challenges.

# Participated in all aspects of business development from market research and finance to operations and marketing, ensuring that the company's vision was followed.

# Dealing with complexity and responsible for overseeing and directing the Company’s financial goals, objectives, and budgets.

# Built and maintained professional relationships with potential investors and partners; attended various startup and business events all around the world.

# Beasley, Mitchell & Co., LLP, Las Cruces, NM October 2014 – May 2021

# *Senior Auditor (Audit and Tax)*

# Audit governmental entities, non-profit organizations, profit entities in New Mexico, and Texas

# Prepare tax returns: 1040, 1065, 1120-S, 1120.

# Prepare financial statements in accordance with GAAP and GASB.

# Develop audit approach on specified clients. Conduct financial, operational and compliance audits (Single Audit) & research and analysis of accounting practices.

# Complete initial review of client communication and request letters prepared by interns and staff.

# Perform AUP, review and compilation engagements in accordance with GAAP and special frameworks.

# New Mexico State University, USA August 2014 – December 2015 *Accounting Department / Teaching Assistantship*

# PricewaterhouseCoopers “PwC”, Damascus, Syria October 2009 – October 2013 *Audit Manager (Oil & Gas and Technology)*

# Perform audits in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) & GAAP

# Planning, controlling, and managing audit engagements for a broad range of clients utilizing best practices within the confines of budget and timescales agreed.

# Responsible for managing, mentoring, and developing an audit team to incorporate assurance around technical and professional development requirements.

# Responsible for resolution of significant issues at both partner and client level

# Provide high level technical support and business advisory to clients where appropriate.

# Identify and market additional service offerings to both new and existing clients.

**EDUCATION:**

* Master’s in accounting, New Mexico State University – 2015
* Master’s in Auditing, Damascus University – 2013
* Bachelor’s in accounting, Damascus University – 2008

**SKILLS:**

* **Accounting:** IFRS, GAAP, PCAOB, SOX, GASB, ISA, GAGAS, GAAS, Tax Code (USA), Critical Thinking
* **Technology:** SQL, Python, MS Office, Power BI, QuickBooks, CaseWare, SAP, NetSuite
* **Communication, Management & Languages:** Fluent in Arabic and English, Team player, project management skills, Leadership skills

**PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS:**

* **Certified Public Accountant, NM** License #7158 September 12, 2017 – present
* **Certified Public Accountant, CA** License #151075 August 25, 2022 – present
* **Python Programmer** Certificate #191048 December 21, 2020 – present
* **SQL Fundamentals**  Certificate #176189 September 20, 2020 – present
* **ICDL**  #UN 07 02 9218 February 23, 2008 – present

**MEMBERSHIP:**

* American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
* Member of New Mexico Society of Certified Public Accountants
* Member of Beta Alpha Psi