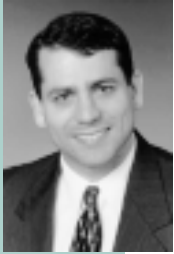


We Welcome Our New Staff:



Jason Kaff joined us on February 14th. He graduated from CSU Fresno in 1994 with a B.S. In Accounting. In 1997 he acquired a law degree from Oklahoma City University and has been a practicing attorney. Jason left his law practice to join us in the Litigation department.



Henry Barker started work with Brown Armstrong on February 14th as an assistant in the Information Services Department. Henry graduated Summa Cum Laude from Cal State Sacramento with a B.S. in Biology.



Nicole Fernett started as a bookkeeping secretary on February 28th. Nicole is a Bakersfield native and attended Bakersfield High School. She is also pursuing her college education at Bakersfield College.



Julie Auvil began with Brown Armstrong on July 10th as a staff accountant. She also graduated in June 2000 from CSUB and received her accounting degree.



Patricia Poth began working at Brown Armstrong on February 3rd as a bookkeeper. Pat was born and raised in Tulare and moved to Bakersfield in order to work with us.



Deborah Rapp joined us as a staff accountant on January 17th. She graduated in 1999 from CSUB with a B.S. in Business Administration and concentration in Accounting.



Theresa Sandberg began working with us January 10th as a staff accountant. Terri graduated in December from Cal State Fresno with a degree in Business Administration and a concentration in Accounting.



Connie Perez, started as a staff accountant on July 10th. Connie graduated in June 2000 with her accounting degree from CSUB.

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Robert DiMeglio began work as our MIS Director on December 28, 1999. He graduated with a Computer Science major from UCLA.

Bells and Whistles

Promoted to Senior



We are excited to announce that **Michelle Gonzales** has been promoted to Senior Accountant. Michelle has been with Brown Armstrong for 2 years, working in the business consulting division of the firm. Most of her time is spent in litigation support, fraud analysis, and business valuation.

Promotions from earlier this year include:



Thomas Young, now a senior accountant who works primarily in auditing.



Vonie Chroman, now a senior accountant, who works primarily in auditing



and **Melinda McDaniels**, also a senior accountant, who specializes in tax and is one of our 2 AgStar/2 Representatives.

A Star Among Us!

George Thornburgh and his wife Chris, a tax manager at Brown Armstrong, appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Show in June! The segment focused on people who have made sacrifices to follow their dreams, and the Oprah crew shot footage of the couple and their child in their Bakersfield home. George gave up a business that he owned to pursue a teaching career.

Weddings and Engagements

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Brady Melo on their recent marriage. Leane Devin and Brady Melo were married on June 10, 2000



Congratulations to Rebecca Innis and Bobby Thomas, both firm employees, on their engagement. The wedding is planned for September 2000.

CPA Exam Results

Jason Kaff	Passed 2 parts!
John Anderson	Passed 2 parts!
Bryan Lewis	Passed 2 parts!
Gnell Sparks-Babb	Passed 2 parts!
Marie Ebersbacher	Passed all 4 parts!
Rebecca Innis	Passed 2 parts!
Debbie Rapp	Passed 2 parts!

“Happy Birthday”



July 7th, the firm celebrated the 40th birthday of our fifth partner, Andy Paulden. The partners and staff attended a good natured roast at Woolgrowers, which included some professional "mourning" for the loss of Andy's youth, courtesy of the Bakersfield Melodrama Express. Congratulations on surviving your "over the hill" celebrations, Andy!