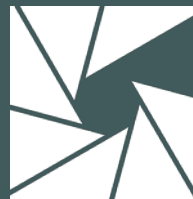


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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration/
Finance, University of Akron, 1984
Masters of Science in Taxation, University of Akron,
1989
Juris Doctorate, University of Akron, 1989

KEY TO SUCCESS

“Remember where you’ve been, especially as you
guide others down their paths in life.”

INDUSTRY EXPERTISE

Manufacturing, Distribution & Technology
Professional Services

SPECIALIZATIONS

State and local tax compliance and consulting
C corporations taxation, including consolidated returns
S corporations taxation
Partnership taxation
Individual taxation

BACKGROUND

Back in 1989, with a masters in taxation and a law degree under his belt, Blake decided to pursue a career in accounting while many of his cohorts from the University of Akron opted for law. “I found that accounting and law had a lot in common, especially when you examined them closely. Both require hours and hours of reading and constant education, not to mention the interpersonal skills that come into play in order to excel.” After working for a Big 4 firm for seven years, Blake transitioned into the private sector for two years before finally landing in Portland and joining Geffen Mesher in 1998. “Back then, we were still what some people would call an up-and-coming firm. I quickly fell in love with the atmosphere, especially the fact that you had a lot of room to find your own way. That’s one of the qualities that has continued to this day.”

Blake provides a generalist’s touch that allows him to move seamlessly between industry groups and focus areas, with a specific expertise in the area of state and local taxes. “Even when you specialize, it’s important to have a broad vocabulary, and a willingness to sink even deeper into a focus area. A return is one thing, but where clients really benefit is in the ongoing consulting we provide over the long term.”

With two teenagers, Blake and his wife keep busy with year-round baseball training, practices and games. Blake is also a regular at the local gym.