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PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
Oregon Society of Certified Public Accountants
Associated General Contractors, Oregon Chapter
Design-Build Institute of America, Northwest Region,
Treasurer
NAIOP Commercial Real Estate Development
Association, Oregon Chapter, Member
Oregon Entrepreneurs Network, Treasurer
Surety Association of Oregon

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts in Accounting, Linfield College, 2003,
magna cum laude
Certified Public Accountant, Oregon

RECOGNITION

Named to Portland Business Journal's "Forty Under
40" list

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

MIKE Program, Past Treasurer

KEY TO SUCCESS

"Communicate effectively and timely, stay calm, work
hard, and lead by example."

INDUSTRY EXPERTISE

Construction
Real Estate
Manufacturing, Distribution & Technology

SPECIALIZATIONS

Internal control studies
Litigation support
Forest products
Emerging companies
Mergers and acquisitions

BACKGROUND

Graham likes the technical requirements that come with being a CPA, coupled with opportunities to discover new things about a variety of businesses and industries. "On a professional level, I see ongoing education and proactive communication as part of doing the job the right way. Personally, I love constantly learning new things, whether it's about real estate, construction, technology, or a manufacturing process."

Toward these pursuits, Graham takes in industry-focused lectures, conferences and workshops where, not surprisingly, he's often the only CPA in the room. "Traditional continuing education courses only take a CPA so far. I prefer to learn the things that speak directly to my clients, which helps me to communicate in their language, and, on a deeper level, truly understand their needs. All of this pays dividends in the way we perform, and our clients benefit from our diligence and interest." When he's not expanding his industry knowledge or working directly on behalf of his clients, Graham likes to take in Ducks and Blazers games, head out to wine country, and sample some of Portland's great restaurants with his wife.