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PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
Oregon Society of Certified Public Accountants, Audit
& Accounting Committee, Construction Committee

EDUCATION

Bachelor in Business Administration, Emphasis in
Accounting, University of Portland, 1998
Certified Public Accountant, Oregon

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Youth Progress Association, Past Board President,
Finance Committee Chair
Portland State University School of Business
Administration, Mentor

KEY TO SUCCESS

“Be a mentor, and look for mentors. There’s always
something to teach and something to learn.”

INDUSTRY EXPERTISE

Manufacturing, Distribution & Technology
Construction
Dealer Services

SPECIALIZATIONS

Financial statement audits and reviews
Consolidations and combinations
Mergers and acquisitions
Tax minimization strategies and advisory services

BACKGROUND

When it comes to solving challenges for his clients, Matt Wright borrows an adage from the world of baseball: see the ball, hit the ball. More precisely, see the challenge and go at it—and speak straight in the process. “Clients appreciate hearing exactly what’s going on, whether it sounds good or bad. They don’t have time to beat around the bush. I’m not bothered by difficult conversations.”

At the same time, he’s built his career in part by being a receptive and understanding listener, the kind of person that clients and coworkers lean on in difficult times. Some colleagues have even referred to him as the “firm shrink.” With an analytical mind and a personable yet straightforward demeanor, Matt has followed accounting as a professional path since the early 90s. In fact, he credits his high school accounting teacher—Mr. Stern—for instilling an appreciation for his future career choice. “On our first quiz, he failed everyone who misspelled the word ‘receivables.’ That was his way of letting us know that accounting was serious business, and not a field where you could slack off.”

A lifelong Portlander, Matt enjoys much of what the area offers—from hiking and backpacking with his wife and daughter, to dinner at Andina in the Pearl. And when the weather is perfect for a day game, he pines a little for baseball to return to downtown Portland.