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PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
Oregon Society of Certified Public Accountants

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Accounting, Oklahoma Christian
College, 1977
Certified Public Accountant, Oregon

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Southwest Church of Christ, Tigard, Oregon, Finance
Deacon

KEY TO SUCCESS

“Do everything you do with all of your heart.”

INDUSTRY EXPERTISE

Real Estate

SPECIALIZATIONS

Employee Benefit Plans
Tax and business planning
Individual taxation
Retirement planning
Real estate transactions
Real estate partnership taxation
Qualified retirement plans

BACKGROUND

Prior to following a career path that led him to becoming a successful public accountant, Kelly considered a future in banking. “I’ve always had an interest in numbers, and banking made sense for a little while. Accounting was a natural offshoot of that, especially when you consider the many technical aspects that come with the work.” Being one of Geffen Mesher’s senior members—he’s been on board since 1978—he continues to appreciate the firm’s flexible-yet-professional environment, along with the collective desire to over-deliver, even when offering a new service. “Back in the ‘80s, when we first started doing syndication projects for real estate clients, we were building robust computer models under very tight deadlines. Some of them required working 24 hours straight to get them done. We just did what we had to do.”

Having a hand in projects that require a tangible delivery continues to motivate Kelly. “A lot of the time, the work of a CPA goes unseen, and comes in the way of consulting and advising. I enjoy anything that includes a final product, especially one that calls for sinking into a variety of technical aspects.” An avid reader, family man and volunteer, Kelly likes to divide his personal time with a good mystery novel, spending evenings and weekends with his wife and daughters, and serving as the Finance Deacon of his church in Tigard, Oregon.