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CPE: 8 hours (including a possible 4 hours A&A credit)

Changes are happening at rapid pace and this year we are faced with unique developments pertaining to employee benefit plans. Acquire the knowledge you need to navigate the ins and outs of changing legislation and regulatory issues.

Discussion will explore updates from the Department of Labor, ASU 2015-07 and ASU 2015-12, legal updates, ERISA audits, peer review, testing errors, and the latest from investment advisors.

Who Should Attend: CPAs, auditors, tax practitioners, plan sponsors and third-party administrators, professionals and consultants specializing in auditing and reporting of employee benefit plans, tax and regulatory consulting, and preparing and submitting returns.

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Conference Schedule

7:15 - 8 a.m.

Continental Breakfast and Registration

8 - 8:05 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

8:05 - 9:20 a.m.

A - Department of Labor Update

Marcus Aron, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington D.C. What's going on at the Department of Labor that will impact your benefit plan audits this year? The DOL will share their insights with you, including details about the Department's ongoing audit quality enforcement program. Find out what good work looks like, how to avoid the pitfalls that most often plague benefit plan audits, and result in the rejection of Form 5500 filings.

9:20 - 9:30 a.m.

Break

9:30 - 10:45 a.m.

B - ASU 2015-07 and ASU 2015-12: Overview, Lessons Learned and Example Disclosures

Missy Herbert, CPA, Warren Averett, Atlanta, Ga.

Jodi Malis, CPA, Hancock, Askew & Co., Atlanta, Ga.

Heidi LaMarca, CPA, Windham Brannon, Atlanta, Ga.

Review ASU 2015-07 and ASU 2015-12 and important considerations and challenges related to implementation. Also included are examples of financial statements and disclosures.

10:45 - 10:55 a.m.

Break

10:55 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.

C - ERISA Liability for Accountants

Gregory Porter, J.D., Bailey Glasser, LLP, Washington, D.C. Explore the details you need you need to know in regards to understanding service provider liability under ERISA.

12:10 - 1 p.m.

Lunch

1 - 2:15 p.m.

D1 - Back to the Basics: Testing Main Areas

Anne Morris, CPA, Windham Brannon, Atlanta, Ga.
Brian Muia, CPA, Jones and Kolb, Atlanta, Ga.
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D2 - Getting Ready for an Employee Benefit Plan Peer Review

Chris Rouse, CPA, Windham Brannon, Atlanta, Ga.

Not only is the DOL finding auditors aren't doing EBP audits properly, so are peer reviewers. And, your next peer review won't be anything like your last one, and the consequences for not doing it right have gone up. Come hear this experienced EBP auditor and peer reviewer tell you what your peer reviewer will be looking for when they review EBP engagements, and get guidance on how to avoid issues on your peer review.

2:25 - 3:15 p.m.

E1 - We Just Found a Testing Error...What Do I Do Now?

Beth Garner, CPA, BDO, Atlanta, Ga.

Colleen Sanchez, CPA, Warren Averett, Altanta Ga.

Focus on what an auditor should do when they find an error in their testing. Explore the various types of errors found in all plan types and financial statement areas and discuss how to design audit procedures to cover the testing error. Review the best practices in audit documentation for conclusions and proper communications to the client.

E2 - Twisting Our Perspective on Fiduciary Responsibilities: Assisting Our Clients with Compliance

Robert A. Lavenberg, CPA, CGMA, J.D., LL.M., BDO USA LLP, Philadelphia, Pa.

How can we, as trusted advisers, twist what we know about plan operational issues, fiduciary responsibilities and the new conflict of interest rule into value-added education and assistance for our plan sponsor clients in fulfilling their fiduciary obligations? We will explore this perspective as clients, the Department of Labor, participants and plaintiffs' attorneys continue to focus on the stringent ERISA requirements.

3:15 - 3:25 p.m.

Break

3:25 - 4:15 p.m.

F - Ask the Experts

Missy Herbert, CPA, Warren Averett, Atlanta, Ga. (Moderator)
Jodi Malis, CPA, Hancock Askew & Co., LLP, Norcross, Ga.
Samuel Choy, J.D., LL.M., King and Spaulding, Atlanta, Ga.
Donna Edwards, J.D., LL.M., King and Spaulding, Atlanta, Ga.
Wrap up the day and get your toughest questions on employee benefit plans answered by a panel of experts in the plan areas most relevant to CPAs, including accounting, auditing, legal, and regulatory compliance. Submit your questions throughout the day, or bring them to the session.

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