

## September Young CPA Business Breakfast

### What You Should Know about Life Settlements

**Course No.** 099021

**Speaker:** Adam Hicks, Habersham Funding

**Sponsor:** Habersham Funding

**Date:** September 2, 2009

**Time:** 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. (breakfast and registration at 7 a.m.)

**Location:** GSCPA Offices - click [here](#) for directions.

**Fee:** \$10

Click [here](#) to register.

## September Young CPA Networking Event - End of Summer Extravaganza and Softball Season Wrap-up

**Date:** September 1, 2009

**Time:** 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (drink tickets and light appetizers will be provided)

**Location:** Front Page News - Midtown

**Fee:** None

Click [here](#) to register.

## Are You an Active Networker?

*Debra Feldman*

In today's economy, it is more prudent than ever to reconnect if you have not been an active networker. You never know when you may need your contacts, and it is better to offer them assistance now before you need help yourself. Here are some ideas for jump-starting your network's development and making more and better connections purposefully. [Read More...](#)

## 5 Pointers for Moving from Peer to Boss

In today's economy, reorganizations are common, and you may find yourself suddenly overseeing employees who were once at the same level as you. While transitioning into a supervisory role can be exciting -- and possibly signal a new phase in your career -- it also means a shift in dynamics with colleagues, especially those who will now be reporting to you. [Read More...](#)

## How to Leverage Social Networking

When the IRS announced in June that it would launch a review of tax return preparers, the Maryland Association of CPAs (MACPA) spread the word to its members with a news item on the association Web site. But it didn't stop there. The association posted the IRS news on its Facebook page and blog. The story made it into the MACPA feed on Twitter, the microblogging site. Visitors to the association's LinkedIn page found the information there as well. [Read More...](#)

## Ten Tips on Career Advancement

Many career experts agree that the best time to look for a new job is while you are still comfortably in your old one. If you're starting to feel unchallenged in your present position, you may be ready for a promotion to the next level. If there aren't many career advancement opportunities where you work, the best next job may be waiting for you elsewhere.

Nowadays, it's up to you to take control of your professional future and make sure that you are progressing wisely down the right career path. Here are 10 proven strategies to help you get started: [Read More...](#)

## Be the Phelps of Entry-Level Accountants

*Catherine Saadat, CPA*

Many CPAs use the phrase "sink or swim" when describing their experiences as entry-level staff accountants. Although there is a steep learning curve in the public accounting profession, the best way to make sure that you're a "swimmer" is to know what it takes to be successful in such a challenging industry and how to develop crucial skills early in your career. [Read More...](#)

## Upcoming CPE Courses

### [Are You Ready for IFRS? Moving Beyond the Basics](#)

Course No. 09014

Date: Monday, September 14, 2009 - Tuesday, September 15, 2009

### [Balancing Work and Personal Life](#)

Course No. 09037

Date: Friday, September 25, 2009

### [Tax Smart Financial Planning for Individuals under 40](#)

Course No. 09046

Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2009

### [Information Security for CPAs - Protecting Computers, Data, Assets and Employees](#)

Course No. 10009

Date: Thursday, October 8, 2009

## Upcoming Conferences



### 2009 Southeastern Accounting Show

August 26-27, 2009

NEW LOCATION!

Georgia International Convention Center

College Park, Ga.

[Course No. 13085](#) - Wednesday & Thursday

[Course No. 13086](#) - Wednesday only

[Course No. 13087](#) - Thursday only

CPE Credit: 16 hours (including a possible 16 hours A&A)

The complete agenda with speakers and session descriptions is available on the [GSCPA web site](#).

### 2009 Financial Institutions Conference

September 17, 2009

Course No. 13095

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE ENDS 8/27

Cobb Galleria Centre, Atlanta

CPE Credit: 8.5 hours general (with a possible 4 hours A&A)

Topics include: On the Economic, Political and Business Climate; Liquidity – Planning, Management, and Contingency (A&A); Marketing and Branding in the Current Economy; Enterprise Risk Management and Technology (A&A); Accounting and Auditing Update (A&A) and Strategic Planning for Uncertain Times.

The full schedule and list of speakers can be found on the

[GSCPA web site](#).



### 2009 Fraud and Forensic Accounting Conference

September 18, 2009

Course No. 13020

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE ENDS 8/28

Cobb Galleria Centre, Atlanta

CPE Credit: 8.5 hours general (including a possible 7 hours A&A)

Topics include: The New Hard Times: Business Crimes, Ponzi Schemes and Affinity Frauds; – Implementing Professional Standards in Forensic Accounting Engagements (A&A); Building and Expanding your FVS Practice; Raising the Bar: The 7 Habits of the Highly Effective Rainmaker; Fraud Investigation: A Composite Case Study (A&A); How to Predict Impending Financial Crisis Before the Numbers Reveal It (A&A) and Understanding eDiscovery in Corporate America (A&A).

The full schedule and list of speakers can be found on the

[GSCPA web site](#).

### Nominate a Deserving Colleague for the GSCPA Meritorious Service Award

The Meritorious Service Award is the highest award presented by the Georgia Society of CPAs in recognition of outstanding service to the profession. The individual shall have given superior service to the profession, or could be recognized for a single accomplishment that came to fruition during the course of one year. The accomplishment must have resulted in significant and profound impact on the profession. The individual may be recognized for longevity and dedication of service. Such service must be distinctive and exceedingly above the services provided by his/her contemporaries.

If you would like to submit a name for consideration for this prestigious award, please submit the name, contact information, and a brief description of their accomplishments to [Donna Heavener](#) or in writing to Georgia Society of CPAs, 3353 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 400, Atlanta, GA 30326. The Meritorious Service Award Committee will follow-up with nominees if additional information is needed.

Questions can be directed to the Member Services Department at 404-504-2986. The deadline for nominations is November 1, 2009.