

CHRIS BURTON, CPA

EXECUTIVE PROFILE

Mr. Burton is a certified public accountant with over 15 years of experience in accounting, technology, consulting and management. He has performed in a variety of roles including Controller, Chief Financial Officer, IT Director, Consultant and Auditor. His experience includes implementing accounting software, financial accounting and reporting, detailed financial analysis, database creation and reporting, monthly closing, budgeting, writing and implementing company policies and compliance programs, development of financial systems and controls, development of management reporting formats, performing due diligence, and implementing cost-saving business process improvements. Mr. Burton has extensive experience in forming and managing the Internal Audit function for various companies and also serving as a liaison between the company and its external auditors and attorneys. He has maximized his proficiency in the use of a variety of accounting system applications including implementation, conversions, and maintenance of Great Plains, MAS90, and Peachtree. His experience is complemented with a strong skill set in the use of Microsoft Office products.

The past five years have proven invaluable for providing Mr. Burton with very unique business skills and professional experience. After working as Controller and IT Director for Xantus Healthplan for over two years, he was asked by the Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance to assume the position of Special Deputy Receiver of Xantus, a \$300M insurance company in receivership and rehabilitation. For six months during 2003, Mr. Burton managed the daily affairs and eventual closing of the business. Subsequently in this roll he was asked to continue his contract with the Commissioner in order to liquidate the company. In addition to being personally involved on a daily basis, Mr. Burton formed an LLC and hired the necessary staff to perform the accounting, technology and business management functions of the liquidation. Two years later the liquidation has been completed and has been praised for its stability and efficiency.

In addition to his experience in operations, accounting and financial management, Mr. Burton has for the past several years explored his interest in technology by owning and managing a small technology consulting firm. With a skill set that includes proficiency in various Internet and database technologies, Mr. Burton has become very proficient and well versed in the terminology, management, and programming of a wide variety of technologies. Mr. Burton's engagements in this area have included projects such as installing and managing computer networks, creating and maintaining Access and SQL databases, designing and hosting Internet and intranet websites, and consulting on a wide range of Internet related subjects.

Mr. Burton is experienced with working in various business environments. He is project and results driven with the ability to consistently meet established goals and objectives. After earning his Bachelor's Degree from Tennessee Technological University in 1989 and his Certified Public Accountant license in 1991, he has maintained high Continuing Professional Education standards through attending courses in business management, financial accounting systems, information technology, communications, and management information systems. With exceptional problem solving, organizational, communication and analytical skills, Mr. Burton is able to accept a broad range of projects and responsibilities.