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Bruce Cole, Partner with Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP, has been with the firm since 2003 as the Assurance Services Quality Leader. Prior to joining Baker Tilly, he spent over 22 years working for two of the largest accounting, auditing, and consulting firms in the world. Eleven of those years were spent as a partner and nine of those years were spent serving as a national accounting and auditing consulting partner. As an auditor and consultant, Bruce served many Fortune 500 companies in the manufacturing and high-technology sectors. He also served as the chief financial officer for a publicly held light manufacturing company and a health care company.

Specific Experience

- > While at Ernst & Young served LTV Steel, one of the largest steel making companies in the world; Vought Aerospace, formerly known as LTV Aerospace & Defense, a multibillion dollar defense company specializing in weapons delivery systems, stealth bombers, military transport planes and cruise missiles; Wilson Foods, the largest pork processor in the country; Redman Homes, the second largest manufactured housing company in the US; and Braniff Airlines.
- > Specializes in SEC work. As one of his former firm's national accounting and auditing partners reviewed all registration statements to be filed by clients within the firm's southwestern region. Submission of all registration statements to the SEC were subject to his approval.
- > Significant expertise in the areas of manufacturing, aerospace and defense, high-technology, airlines, real estate investment trusts, and the use of LIFO accounting for inventories.
- > Set national and international policy on accounting and auditing standards.
- > Served on numerous internal quality control review teams.
- > Served as a conference leader and lecturer on accounting, auditing, and reporting issues.
- > Responsible for quality control in one of his former firm's southwestern region which accounted for well over \$1 billion in revenue.

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Industry Involvement

- > Member of PCAOB Non-accelerated Filers Task Force
- > American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
- > Texas State Society of CPAs member
- > Frequent speaker throughout the Midwestern and Southwestern United States to colleges and universities, state societies of CPAs, and local chapters of the Financial Executives Institute.
- > Prior to joining Baker Tilly, authored numerous articles for client presentations and major metropolitan area newspapers.

Education

Texas Christian University - Fort Worth, TX
Bachelor of Business Administration with a double major in Finance and Statistics. Graduated first in his class in both majors.

Southern Methodist University - Dallas, TX
Masters in Business Administration