



## Mike Vail, CPA

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### Education/Certifications

- 1993 – Bachelor of Accountancy, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma
- 1993 – BBA in Finance, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma
- 2006 – MS, University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, Texas
- 2009 – ME, IT Controls and Governance, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas
- Texas Certified Public Accountant (CPA)
- Certified Internal Auditor (CIA)

### Employment

- Vail & Knauth, LLP 2008 to Present
- Michael G. Vail, P.C. 2005 – 2008
- The Controller Group, LLP 2002 – 2004
- Michael G. Vail, DBA, The Controller Group 2001 – 2002
- Ernst & Young, LLP 1997 – 2001
- PepsiCo Food Systems, Inc. 1996 – 1997
- Ernst & Young 1993 – 1996

### Professional Associations

- Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants (TSCPA)
- Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)
- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
- Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA)
- ISACA
- Rotary Club of Dallas

Mike Vail is a Partner at Vail & Knauth, LLP (VK). His talent in identifying technical accounting issues and attention to detail has provided clients with strong assurance of the soundness of financial reporting to their stakeholders. Since the beginning of his career as an auditor for Ernst & Young (EY), Mike has worked with over 200 clients, and provides audit leadership for the group of talented people that make up VK.

Mike began his career at EY and progressed quickly. He was selected as an experienced staff to do a rotation in the Reading, England office. After transferring back to the Dallas office and tackling state and local tax consulting gaining valuable tax experience, Mike settled back into his passion of serving entrepreneurial companies in an audit or consulting capacity. Mike left EY as an Assistant Audit Director in 2001 and shortly after formed his own accounting consulting firm which was later sold to Tatum Partners.

In 2005, Mike started his new firm and subsequently registered his firm with the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy which enabled Mike to perform assurance services for clients. Through luck, persistence and hard work as well as help from colleagues his audit practice continued to grow. In 2008, the breadth and depth of his firm increased after merging his practice with those of Bryan Warren and Chris Knauth to form VK (formerly known as Vail Warren & Knauth, LLP).

Over the past 18 years, Mike has specialized in audits of real estate and construction, municipalities, manufacturing, retail, and non-profit organizations. Additionally, Mike has performed SAS 70/SSAE16 audits for multiple outsource service providers. His resume includes some of the most successful companies on the planet. Mike's risk based audit approach and up-front communication style with clients facilitates a great client experience.

Mike's philosophy is centered on providing value to clients and helping them achieve their best. Mike is well known for his accessibility, providing clients with prompt answers to their questions and caring about clients and their financial success.

## Key Strengths

Attestation ~ Project Management ~ Discount Cash Flow Preparation and Analysis ~ Relationship Building ~ Business Start-up Operations ~ Financial Management ~ IT General Computer Controls ~ SAS 70