Melissa Hicks, CPA



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Professional Experience

Melissa obtained her Bachelor of Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting from Morehead State University in 2002. Since that time, she has been practicing public accounting at Dean Dorton. The majority of her career has been spent providing tax planning, compliance, and accounting services for privately-held businesses and individuals.

Melissa has over 20 years of public accounting experience, all at Dean Dorton. During her tenure at Dean Dorton, she has become a go-to technical advisor specializing in partnership and equine taxation.

Melissa has a broad range of experience working with clients across various industries. She focuses her practice on high-net-worth family groups, real estate, and the equine industry.

Speaking Engagements

- Kentucky Chamber Tax Conference, Section 199A Deduction, 2019
- KyCPA's Horsing Around Equine CPE Program, Kentucky Thoroughbred Horse Farm Compensation
- and Benefits Survey, 2015
- KyCPA's Horsing Around Equine CPE Program, Tax and Accounting Update, 2016

Professional Activities

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Kentucky Society of Certified Public Accountants

Certifications

- Certified Public Accountant

Community Involvement

- Commerce Lexington, Leadership Lexington Class of 2011
- Leadership Louisville, Class of 2024
- Equine Financial Group, Member
- Kentucky Humane Society, Board Member
- Lexington Humane Society, Past Board Member and Treasurer
- Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA), Board Member and Treasurer

Education

- Bachelor of Business Administration with an Emphasis in Accounting, summa cum laude, Morehead State University, Morehead, Kentucky

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