

Dean Dorton Welcomes Joe Johnston, CPA, PFS as new Tax Director



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Dean Dorton is proud to announce the addition of the new leader of their Louisville tax practice, Joe Johnston, CPA, PFS. Johnston joined Dean Dorton effective August 12. Johnston brings an impressive level of experience to an already thriving tax practice.

- More than 27 years of consulting, tax, accounting experience
- 20 years of direct client service experience
- 10 years managing a tax department

Johnston also has an extensive background on tax process improvement and has an exceptional reputation serving clients. He brings an incredibly diverse background of industry experience to his new role. Johnston has served a wide range of manufacturing companies, including tier one and tier two automotive suppliers and worked for companies specializing in injection-molding, forging, plastics, printing, transportation, construction, engineering and real estate development. His broad experience palette makes him a perfect fit for an ever-growing, innovative and forward-thinking firm such as Dean Dorton.



David Bundy, Dean Dorton President & CEO

“We continue to focus on strong growth and client relationships in all of our markets. The addition of Joe Johnston adds to our momentum as he brings experience, leadership, and strong values that align with those of our firm as we gain even more momentum in serving clients throughout the Southeast and nationally. We couldn’t be more excited for Joe to join our team.”

Johnston, previously worked at Strothman + Company where he was responsible for the integration of two CPA firm’s tax practices and was responsible for day-to-day operations of a large-scale tax department.

“I look forward to continuing the great work that Dean Dorton has already established in the region, and hope to continue to develop high-quality client relationships. I’m excited to work with such a well-respected firm with quality leadership and a solid work culture, along with clients that are some of the largest and most innovative in the area,” said, Joe Johnston, newly hired Tax Director.

Johnston has managed clients ranging in size from under \$5 million to over \$500 million in revenue. Before Dean Dorton, he worked two years as controller for a \$200 million division of a multi-national engineering company.

Joe Johnston, Director of Tax Services

“I’ve focused on tax planning and consulting. I help clients arrive at the best tax strategies and guide them in their business operations. I excel at project management and empowering clients to make well informed decisions. My goal is to help clients interpret financial data in meaningful ways so they can

better understand their daily business operations. I believe strongly that merging financial data, tax-planning strategies and operational realities helps management see, understand and manage the critical issues facing their business.”

Johnston earned his Bachelors of Science in Business Administration from the University of Louisville. He is an active member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), and serves on the Tax Committee for Kentucky Society of Certified Public Accountants (KSCPA).