

## The Connecticut Society of CPAs

## Meet the CTCPA Staff: We're Here to Help!

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# **E**CTCPA Groups and Committees

#### **Special Interest Groups**

#### Join groups and find upcoming meetings at www.ctcpas.org/Groups.

Connect with colleagues, subject matter experts, regulators, legislators, and more. Whether you're a seasoned professional looking to give back or a young professional just discovering your path, every member is welcome to join these special interest groups.



#### **Accounting, Auditing, Financial Reporting Group**

Discuss exposure drafts and enhance relationships with standard-setters.

Contact: Cindy Panioto • cindyp@ctcpas.org



#### **Cannabis Group**

Meet and learn together with others exploring and working in this new hot topic.

Contact: Lisa Bugryn • lisab@ctcpas.org



#### **Chief Financial Officers Group (Exploratory)**

Share best practices, industry trends, regulatory updates, and offer professional development opportunities. Contact: April DiFalco • aprild@ctcpas.org



#### **Educators Group**

Discuss hot topics in this candid, conversational group. Contact: April DiFalco • aprild@ctcpas.org



#### **Employee Benefit Plans Group**

Discuss issues affecting benefit plans, program audits, and employers.

Contact: Lisa Bugryn • lisab@ctcpas.org



#### **Federal Taxation Group**

Discuss issues and build relationships with legislators and regulators.

Contact: Cindy Panioto • cindyp@ctcpas.org



#### **Financial Institutions Group**

Share trends, regulatory and legislative developments, and new pronouncements.

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#### Firm/Company Administrators Group

Connect and learn about best practices and tools to help your organization grow.

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Leadership committees have specific membership requirements and appointment procedures. Please contact the staff liaison for more.



#### **Membership Committee**

Help the CTCPA with recruitment as well as evaluating member benefits.

Contact: Cindy Panioto • cindyp@ctcpas.org



#### **New & Young Professionals Cabinet**

Plan programs and volunteer opportunities for members aged 35 and younger.

Contact: April DiFalco • aprild@ctcpas.org



#### **Peer Review Committee**

Stay ahead of changing standards and explore the peer review market niche. *Membership by CTCPA Chair appointment.* Contact: Lynette Lindner • Lynettel@ctcpas.org



#### **Investment Committee**

Oversee the CTCPA's investment portfolio and report to the Board of Directors.

Contact: Bonnie Stewart • bonnies@ctcpas.org



#### **Golf Group**

Support scholarships/grants by helping plan our annual golf tournament.

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#### **Governmental Accounting & Auditing Group**

Talk FASB, GASB, and single audits with public sector and audit professionals.

Contact: Lisa Bugryn • <u>lisab@ctcpas.org</u>



#### **Internal Audit Group (Exploratory)**

Connect with fellow industry members in audit for idea sharing and collaboration opportunities. Contact: Cindy Panioto • cindyp@ctcpas.org



#### **Not-for-Profit Organizations Group**

Focus on accounting, taxation, and financial reporting for not-for-profits.

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#### Pipeline Task Force

Work with subcommittees to inspire students, promote accounting, and support future Connecticut CPAs. Contact: April DiFalco • aprild@ctcpas.org



#### **State Taxation Group**

Navigate the regulatory and legislative aspects of Connecticut tax compliance.

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#### **TechConneCT Roundtable**

Ask and answer questions on anything related to technology or software at our interactive roundtables. *Contact: Cindy Panioto • cindyp@ctcpas.org* 



#### Trust, Estate, and Gift Taxation Group

Discuss taxation, trusts, gifting strategies, and more. Contact: Cindy Panioto • cindyp@ctcpas.org

## **Governance Committees**

Governance committees are by election or appointment only. Please contact the staff liaison for more.



#### **Bylaws Committee**

Recommend bylaws modifications to the Board of Directors and voting members. *Membership by CTCPA Chair appointment.* Contact: Bonnie Stewart • bonnies@ctcpas.org



#### **Nominating Committee**

Nominate a slate of leadership nominees and Advisory Council appointees. Membership by CTCPA Advisory Council election. Contact: Bonnie Stewart • bonnies@ctcpas.org



#### **Professional Ethics Committee**

Investigate ethics complaints and maintain the Code of Professional Conduct. *Membership by CTCPA Chair appointment.* Contact: Lynette Lindner • Lynettel@ctcpas.org



### **Audit-Review Committee**

Recommend and oversee an independent CPA firm attestation engagement. *Membership by CTCPA Chair appointment.* Contact: Bonnie Stewart • bonnies@ctcpas.org

## Joining the CTCPA, Paying Dues, and Using Membership Tools

Joining the CTCPA

Paying membership dues or billing classes
Member discounts and insurance savings
Logging into and using the CTCPA website
Listing yourself in the Find a CPA search engine
Email subscriptions

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## Legislative and Regulatory Matters

State and federal legislative matters CPA regulation/State Board of Accountancy Relationships with regulators Bonnie Stewart • bonnies@ctcpas.org • 860-258-0214 Bonnie Stewart • bonnies@ctcpas.org • 860-258-0214 Bonnie Stewart • bonnies@ctcpas.org • 860-258-0214

### Becoming a CPA and Maintaining Your Certification

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#### Career Resources

Help wanted and mergers classifieds postings Posting volunteer opportunities **Kirsten Piechota** • kirstenp@ctcpas.org • 860-258-0231 **Kirsten Piechota** • kirstenp@ctcpas.org • 860-258-0231

## Continuing Professional Education and Professional Development

Educational programs that come to your office CPE requirements and compliance Speaking at educational sessions Course/conference registrations

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## Technical Accounting Questions and Practice Management

Peer review PRIMA support Peer review technical issues Professional ethics **Lynette Lindner** • lynettel@ctcpas.org • 860-259-1062 **Julie McNeal** • juliem@ctcpas.org **Lynette Lindner** • lynettel@ctcpas.org • 860-259-1062

## Engaging Your Network and Enhancing Your Personal Brand

Special events and networking programs
New and young professionals
Listing yourself in the Find a CPA search engine
CTCPA Connect online community
Free professional headshots
Writing for our publications
Using the "Member of CTCPA" logo

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## Volunteering in Your Community

Charity drives and volunteer projects High school and college student outreach

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## Partnerships, Sponsorships, and Advertising

Partnership/sponsorship/advertising opportunities Cindy Panioto • cindyp@ctcpas.org • 860-258-0213

Please reach out to us for any of the topics listed here or more.

Not sure where to start?

Contact us at:

860-258-4800 www.ctcpas.org

## Other Helpful Contacts

## Connecticut State Board of Accountancy

(Housed under the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection)

> www.ct.gov/dcp 860-713-6100

Licensing/certification email: dcp.licensecpa@ct.gov

Enforcement issues email: dcp.accounting@ct.gov

### National Association of State Boards of Accountancy

(NASBA) www.nasba.org 615-880-4200

## **CPA Examination Services** 800-CPA-EXAM (800-272-3926)

# Connecticut Department of Revenue Services

www.ct.gov/drs 860-297-5962

#### Connecticut IRS Senior Stakeholder Liaison

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