

Manufacturing & PPP Loan Forgiveness Webinar Presenter Biographies



Michael J. Hermes, CPA - mjhermes@herbein.com Manager, Herbein + Company, Inc.

Michael J. Hermes, CPA joined the Herbein tax team in the Fall of 2019 with over 9 years of tax experience working with a diverse group of clients including real estate owners, medical and dental practices and service providers. His tax expertise includes federal and multi-state compliance and planning for closely-held businesses as well as comprehensive strategic tax planning for both family-owned businesses and high net worth individuals. Michael especially enjoys working directly with business owners and guiding them through the challenges they face on a day-to-day basis. "I'm hands-on", explains Michael, "That's what I like to do best. I don't like surprises – I like planning."

That planning includes developing detailed financial forecasts, analyzing risks and evaluating tax consequences in order to provide business owners with valuable insight to make well-informed decisions. He is adept at working with business owners through all stages of their business – from start-up to succession planning and exit strategies. Michael's skills have been recognized by the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) with their invitation for Michael to join the PICPA's Pittsburgh Chapter Emerging Leaders Program in the fall of 2019. Attendees of the program are nominated and selected and must demonstrate exceptional technical proficiency along with a strong desire to develop as a leader.



Christopher S. Kunkle, CPA, CFE, CITP - cskunkle@herbein.com Senior Manager, Herbein + Company, Inc.

Christopher S. Kunkle, CPA, CFE, CITP, is a Senior Manager in Herbein's Accounting and Auditing Department. His primary areas of expertise are related to software and manufacturing clients, as well as employee benefit plan audits. Chris is responsible for managing audits of all sizes, ranging from large Fortune 500 software developers to small, local manufacturing businesses and service providers.

He is heavily involved within the firm's cyber security area niche, being one of two employees with the Certified Information Technology Professional certification. As this area changes regularly for our clients, Chris is instrumental in staying up to date with different security trends.

Chris is the Herbein lead in the area of Revenue Recognition for our clients. ASC 606 has impacted many of our clients, and Chris is working both internally to educate employees, as well as externally to make our clients aware of what needs to be done in order to comply with this new standard.

Internally, Chris is a key team leader is many aspects of how Herbein operates. Chris is the chair of the Auditing and Accounting Software Committee that analyzes various software packages and evaluates future opportunities internally. He also is a member of the Information Technology Committee, serves as a mentor to staff, and serves as the firm liaison regarding the United Way Accountability Review program. Chris is also the committee chair for the Herbein Hero Committee that awards money to a community hero every quarter, as a way to recognize and reward those who are focused on making our communities better.

Chris is a proud graduate of Leadership Berks, and in 2018 was named a recipient of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) Young Leader award. DID YOU KNOW: Chris rappelled down the Abraham Lincoln Tower in Reading, PA as a way to raise money for Bethany Children's Home!



David E. Peritz - deperitz@herbein.com Senior Manager, Herbein + Company, Inc.

David E. Peritz has twenty five years of diversified public accounting experience. His background includes many years with two national accounting firms prior to joining Gable, Peritz, Mishkin & Co. in 2002, then merging into Herbein + Company, Inc. in 2018. He has extensive experience in accounting for health care professionals, wholesale and retail businesses, real estate entities, and construction companies.

He has provided consulting and has been involved in the organization and start up of many business ventures and operating businesses, in every stage from forecast through the operational phases of the entity. His accounting and tax background not only provides him with solid credentials, but also provides him with knowledge that help many business owners succeed. Dave specializes in business consultation services for closely held companies, start-up ventures, and medical and dental practices.

Dave has also conducted seminars and spoken to various groups, covering a broad range of topics including real estate, management advisory services, business start-ups, pension and profit sharing plans, and various tax issues for construction companies. He is actively involved in various networking organizations.