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AICPA 'Standing Ovation' Honors Paris Powell from Perkins & Co as a Top Young CPA in Forensic and Valuation Services

Achievement Recognized at AICPA's Forensic and Valuation Services Conference

Portland, Ore – The American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) Standing Ovation program has recognized Paris Powell as one of 25 CPAs age 40 and under to be honored for their contributions to the areas of forensic accounting and business valuation. Powell, along with the other talented young Standing Ovation CPAs from across the country, was honored at the AICPA's 2016 Forensic & Valuation Services (FVS) Conference in Nashville in November.

The Standing Ovation program recognizes young CPAs who exhibit outstanding professional achievement in specialization areas, such as forensic accounting and business valuation. Requirements for nomination to the Standing Ovation program for the FVS specialty area include maintaining an active CPA license, being an AICPA member in good standing, and holding either a Certified in Financial Forensics (CFF) or Accredited in Business Valuation (ABV) specialty credential. Nominees must be 40 years old or younger.

"Paris was honored this year for having demonstrated significant accomplishments in the areas of forensic accounting and business valuation," said Jeannette Koger, CPA, CGMA, AICPA's vice president of member specialization and credentialing. "The AICPA's Standing Ovation program was developed to identify those CPAs who are rising stars in the accounting profession, particularly in their area of specialization."

Powell joined Perkins' tax department in 2003, and today she co-leads the firm's Business Valuation group along with our [Litigation Support](#) practice and is involved with the firm's [Beer, Wine & Spirits](#) practice group. In addition to all the work she does for the BV niche, Paris consults with our audit team on clients' fair value issues, and most recently pioneered the creation of our new [Business Transition and Succession](#) practice group. Paris has accolades, almost too numerous to mention, but include in 2014 being named a Washington State University Vancouver 25 Notable Alumni and a 2011 Outstanding Volunteer of the Year for their Foundation. She was also recognized by the Vancouver Business Journal as an "Accomplished Under 40" in 2009, and in 2012 was one of only 36 CPAs nationally bestowed the prestigious honor of attending the AICPA Leadership Academy. In addition to her dizzying number of industry association involvements, Paris is engaged in multiple civic organizations including her service on the WSU Vancouver College of Business Board of Advisors and as Immediate Past President of a local chapter of WSU Alumni Association.

"We're very pleased to have Paris among our ranks," noted Reynolds. "From day one, she's displayed leadership skills and drive, along with her clear involvement in building and supporting the growth of Clark County at so many levels."



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