

Instructor Biography

JOSEPH A. SANFORD, CPA

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- *Certified Public Accountant*
- *BSBA, University of Arkansas, 1977*
- *Major in accounting; Minor in Computer Sciences*
- *Member, American Institute of CPAs*
- *Member, Arkansas Society of CPAs (ASCPA)*
- *Member, ASCPA Peer Review Committee*
- *Member, Western Arkansas Estate Planning Council*
- *Past Vice-President, ASCPA*
- *Past President, Western Chapter of the ASCPA*
- *Past Chair, ASCPA Continuing Education Committee*
- *Chair, ASCPA Peer Review Committee*

Joe Sanford is Managing Principal and CEO for a local accounting firm that provides financial management, consulting, accounting and tax services to a wide variety of clientele. With 30 years of experience in public accounting, his broad expertise includes auditing, business valuation, business consulting, financial management, technology consulting and estate planning and taxation. He previously taught CPA Exam Review at Westark Community College (now U of A, Fort Smith) and lectured at Kiamichi Vo-Tech on Small Business Accounting Systems. More recently, he has served as moderator for various continuing education courses on accounting, ethics and taxation.

Joe began his career with a large local firm, advancing to audit manager. When that firm merged with a much larger regional firm in 1988, he established his own firm. Beginning with only one staff person, he has grown his practice to a total staff of fifteen in three offices in Western Arkansas.

Joe has been very involved with the Arkansas Society of CPAs, having served for decades on various committees and task forces and currently serving as Chair of the Peer Review Committee. In addition, he volunteers time and expertise to local non-profit organizations focused on assisting children, by providing emergency shelter or quality education.