



Tristina McClain

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT ANALYST

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Driving Strategic Decisions in the Investment Banking Sector

Strategic Planning & Analysis | Reporting

Senior Accountant with 20 years of added value in facilitating solutions as a strategic leadership partner. Transform company finance across up to eight business units and hundreds of accounts, identifying risk and trends. Track record of turning around troubled accounting operations and paving the way for process improvements – resolve backlogs, infuse strong internal controls, and contribute to leverage evolving technologies. Mobilize high-performing teams, championing a culture of accuracy, accountability, and commitment.

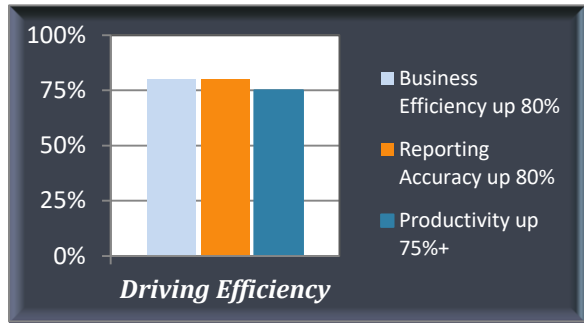
“Every once in a while, you meet someone such as Tristina, who drives proactive change, exceptional work quality, and professionalism.”

Leadership: Strategic Planning ■ Project Management ■ Process Improvement ■ Risk Management ■ Internal Controls

Accounting: Critical Analysis ■ Financial Data Analysis ■ Accounting ■ P&L Analysis ■ Consulting ■ Reporting ■ GAAP Budgeting & Cost Control ■ Forecasting ■ Variance Analysis ■ Cost-Benefit Analysis ■ Auditing Regulatory / SOX Compliance ■ AP ■ AR ■ Cost Reporting ■ Reconciliation ■ GL ■ Billing & Invoicing Cash Account Management ■ Pricing Verification ■ Month & Year-End Close

Software: Oracle ■ SAP ■ PeopleSoft ■ Great Plains ■ Hyperion ■ QuickBooks ■ MAS 90
 Microsoft Office; Avid Excel User

Professional Expertise



Senior Accountant / Consultant Analyst, 2002-Present

Old National Company, Inc. (Contractor), Orange, CA
Kellogg Brown and Root (KBR-LOGCAP III) Civilian Contractor
Forrest Group/Alpine Corporation

Lead full cycle accounting for companies across an array of industries, as well as accounting analysis to yield comprehensive, robust reporting that optimizes leadership decision-making. Prepare cost-benefit analyses, project financial needs, and recommend budget adjustments. Investigate variances in budget and account reports. Compile, research, and prepare financial documents for

submission to regulatory bodies; continually ensure SOX and other regulatory compliance. Reconcile accounts and verify invoices. Perform month and year-end closing processes.

- ◆ **Eliminated three-month backlog in 45 days** for month/quarter-end closings across **eight business units and 200+ accounts** at Alpine Corporation. **Propelled productivity 75%+** by auditing and recalculating all contracts.
- ◆ **Advanced KBR, Inc. business efficiency up to 80%** by removing three-month cash backlog for four business units and 75+ accounts through project controls cost system.
- ◆ **Remedied unreconciled cash accounts and unaudited AR cash accounts.** Researched, verified, and reconciled XYZ Mortgage Co. and OR State Disbursement Unit accounts; audited and reported on AR cash account operations.
- ◆ **Strengthened and enforced Alpine Corporation financial policies and internal controls.**
- ◆ **Catapulted Alpine Corp. reporting accuracy 80%** as Business Unit Controller/Global Payments Accountant. Built financial database; configured and supported Global Payments AR module in companywide Oracle conversion.
- ◆ **Buoyed Kalita International accounting operations** during client training on new accounting software; reconciled cash accounts utilizing foreign exchange translation, completed month-end GL closing, and generated reports.

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Senior Accountant / Consultant Analyst (Continued)

- ◆ **Rectified unverified pricing/unmanaged customer contracts and revenue reports for Arthur Anderson**, prompting employment offer from management. Transferred all revenue accounts to new Oracle accounting software.
- ◆ **Evolved into Cost Specialist at KBR, Inc. in only 16 months** by deploying financial expertise into all company financial matters.
- ◆ **Earned recognition from KBR, Inc. for efficiency and performance** while working long hours in warzone territory.

Accountant II, 2000-2001

Deloitte

Performed accounting and furnished detailed company financial data and financial statements in accordance with GAAP.

- ◆ **Enabled sound leadership decisions and strategic planning and accelerated transaction processing for financial statements.**
 - Delivered real-time insights into company fiscal health and stability; leveraged ratio analysis and provided prompt, accurate financial statements and reports.
- ◆ **Improved buying decisions and minimized inventory discrepancies** by introducing semi-annual and annual best practices for inventory auditing process.
- ◆ **Resolved errors in credit and debit card entries.** Reviewed and compared debits and credits in journal entries.

◆ **Improved** leadership decisions, buying decisions, compliance, and cash flow management.

◆ **Reduced** ledger entry errors and business risks.

Accountant, 1998-2001

Various Contracts

Conducted accounting tasks. Delivered accurate reports to management to ensure data compliance with requirements, leveraging Automated Data Processing (ADP) and identified opportunities to improve decision-making.

- ◆ **Maximized SOX/GAAP compliance**, improving procedural execution of internal controls.
- ◆ **Controlled spending and ensured alignment with business objectives** by monitoring and analyzing budgets.
- ◆ **Cut business risks** by analyzing business trends, evaluating financial operations, composing expenditure projections and financial forecasts, and planning budgets.
- ◆ **Boosted cash flow management** by forecasting reports and reviewing daily transactions and collections.
- ◆ **Enhanced Janssen University's accounting program** by revamping Principles of Accounting course to include real-world examples and guiding students through structured lecture presentations.

Education

Master of Science, Jurisprudence (MSJ) – Financial Services Compliance
(In progress)

John University – Denver, CO

Bloomberg Market Concepts Certification

Bloomberg Professional Services

Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Candidate

Master of Business Administration (cum laude)

John University – Denver, CO

Bachelor of Science, Accounting

Carlen State University – Carleville, LA

Organizations

Association of Accountants & Financial Professionals in Business (IMA)

American Accounting Assoc. (AAA)

National Society of Accountants (NSA)

National Black MBA Assoc. (NBMBAA)

Toastmasters International, Irvine

WomanSage

Activities

Accountant / Founder / CEO

Sophistication Events – San Diego, CA

Envisioned, developed, bootstrapped, and launched start-up, driving finance, strategy, direction, and projects.

- ◆ **Built fiscal health; advanced strategic priorities.** Steered business development, operations, and planning.

Founder

Empowerment, LLC

Shaped and implemented a program of classes to empower individual independence and success in society.