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01 SUMMARY

Licensed CPA and Audit Associate with 3.5 years of experience in external audit at a Big 4-affiliated firm, serving public and private clients across manufacturing, technology, and financial services. Perform risk assessment, controls testing, substantive procedures, and SOX 404 support on engagements up to \$1.4B in revenue. Known for completing audit areas 10% under budget with zero review points escalated.

02 TECHNICAL COMPETENCIES

Audit: Risk Assessment, Substantive Testing, Internal Controls (COSO), SOX 404, Audit Sampling, Walkthroughs, Analytical Procedures, Workpaper Documentation

Standards: US GAAP, PCAOB, AICPA/GAAS, SEC Reporting (10-K, 10-Q), Revenue Recognition (ASC 606), Leases (ASC 842)

Tools: CaseWare, AuditBoard, TeamMate, Alteryx, ACL/IDEA Data Analytics, Excel, Tableau

03 EXPERIENCE

Audit Associate (Senior Associate from Jul 2025)

Sep 2022 – Present

Whitfield & Crane LLP — New York, NY

- Execute audits of 8 public and private clients (\$80M–\$1.4B revenue) across revenue, inventory, fixed assets, and equity.
- Lead SOX 404 controls testing for 3 clients, evaluating 150+ controls and identifying 12 deficiencies remediated before year-end.
- Applied data analytics (Alteryx, IDEA) to test 100% of journal entries, uncovering \$430K of misclassifications and improving audit efficiency by 20%.
- Completed assigned audit areas an average of 10% under budget; supervised and reviewed work of 3 staff associates.
- Prepared and reviewed workpapers and financial-statement disclosures for ASC 606 and ASC 842 compliance.

Audit Intern

Jan – Apr 2022

Whitfield & Crane LLP — New York, NY

- Assisted with busy-season audit fieldwork for 4 clients, vouching, recalculation, and confirmations.
- Prepared inventory observation memos and reconciled 20+ accounts to the trial balance.
- Received return offer ranking in the top 15% of the intern class.

04 EDUCATION

Master of Accountancy

New York University, Stern School of Business

2022

B.S. in Accounting

Fordham University

2021

05 LICENSES

- Certified Public Accountant (CPA), State of New York
- AICPA Member
- CISA Candidate