



Karen Shenk, CPA, CVA, CCIFP, CEPA, CFE

Partner

Education & Credentials

- BS in Business - Trinity International University - 2004
- Certified Public Accountant - 2005
- Certified Fraud Examiner - 2013
- Certified Valuation Analyst - 2016
- Certified Construction Industry Financial Professional - 2020
- Certified Exit Planning Advisor - 2021
- Upstream Academy's Emerging Leaders Academy Graduate
- Leadership Lancaster Graduate - Core Class 2014

Professional Organizations

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Association of Certified Fraud Examiners
- National Association of Certified Valuators and Analysts
- Institute of Certified Construction Industry Financial Professionals

Community Involvement

- Lancaster Chamber Finance Committee Member
- Housing Development Corporation - Board Member, Chair of Finance Committee, and Secretary
- Certified SCORE Mentor
- Vistage Member
- Girls On The Run - Past Coach
- Power Packs Project - Past Board Member and Treasurer
- Blossom Hill Mennonite Church - Past Treasurer

Awards & Acknowledgement

- Central Penn Business Journal - Forty Under 40 Award - 2021

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PRACTICE AREAS

- Manufacturing & Distribution
- Audits, Reviews, & Compilations
- Construction & Real Estate
- Business Consulting
- Business Valuations
- Succession Planning

Karen joined Trout CPA in 2012 after working at a firm in the Chicago area since 2004. She graduated from Trinity International University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business, with an emphasis in Accounting and a minor in Philosophy. She chairs the firm's Manufacturing & Distribution Industry Group and is an active member of the Construction & Real Estate Industry Group and the firm's Executive Committee.

As a professional, Karen gains a deep understanding of her clients' industry, goals, and needs so she can better advise them. She enjoys working closely with entrepreneurial business owners and their finance departments to contribute to their success. Her experience in manufacturing, distribution, and construction positions her to provide insightful advice on complex industry-specific issues. Her experience with transactions and succession planning gives her the ability to advise clients who want to explore their options.

Karen enjoys activities with her family, reading, and running. She lives in Lancaster County with her husband and three sons.

