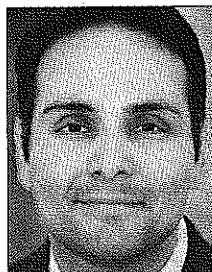


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ACCOUNTING

Ryan Co., a tax services firm, has promoted **Geoffrey Counter** to manager in the firm's downtown L.A. office. Previously, Counter was team leader at the firm.

Accounting firm Ernst & Young has named **Mark Borao** and **Sam Hughes** principals and **Jack Wells** executive director of its advisory services practice at the firm's downtown L.A.



Borao



Hughes

office. Previously, Borao was a vice president at Capgemini, a Paris-based business consultancy; Hughes was a senior vice president at Universal Pictures International in London; Wells was a vice president at Warner Bros.

ADVERTISING & MARKETING

Visionaire Group, a Del Rey digital marketing agency, has named **Jeremy Irwin** executive creative director. Previously, Irwin was chief creative officer and co-founder of Xylem Interactive, a Denver marketing agency.

BANKING & FINANCE

Deloitte Financial Advisory Services has named

Nicholas Armstrong a director in its downtown L.A. office. Previously, Armstrong was a managing director at Duff & Phelps LLC, a New York-based financial investment firm.

CONSULTING

Nosal Partners LLC, an executive search and consulting firm, has named **Bob Bellano** a senior partner in the firm's Santa Monica office. Previously, Bellano was founder and managing director of Santa Monica executive search firm cFour Partners Worldwide.



Bellano

Equis Staffing in Calabasas has named **Diane Krehbiel** director of IT and executive staffing. Previously, Krehbiel was an executive and technology recruiter at Kforce, a staffing firm based in Tampa, Fla.

CONSTRUCTION

Amcal General Contractors, the construction affiliate of Agoura Hills-based construction firm Amcal Multi-Housing Inc., has named **Emery J. Comerford** as vice president of construction. Previously, Comerford was president of construction for Coury Enterprises Inc., a Woodland Hills construction company.

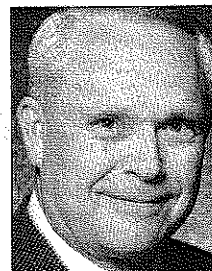
EDUCATION

USC Marshall School of Business has named **Robert Hermanns** director of food industry programs. Previously, Hermanns was senior vice president at Park City Group Inc., a Park City, Utah, business software developer.

Caltex has named **Victoria D. Stratman** general counsel. Previously, Stratman was deputy general counsel for the Pasadena institute.

ENGINEERING

Downtown L.A.-based engineering services firm Psomas has named **John Reese** senior program manager for federal services. Previously, Reese was senior program manager for K-C PMC in Seoul, South Korea.



Reese

ENTERTAINMENT

MusicBox, a Calabasas music production company, has named **Jonathan Firstenberg** senior vice president. Previously, Firstenberg was vice president of business development at Universal Music Group.

LAW

S.V. Stuart Johnson has become a name partner and head of the litigation department at Carico Johnson Toomey LLP, an El Segundo law firm. Previously, Johnson was a partner at Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP.

NON-PROFIT

Fashion Group International-Los Angeles, the local chapter of a New York-based non-profit organization that promotes the interests of the fashion industry, has named **Won Kim** membership chairman. Kim is director of client development at Fineman West & Co. LLP, a Beverly Hills accounting firm.

PUBLISHING

TheWrap.com, a Santa Monica-based online paper covering the entertainment industry, has named **Josh Dickey** deputy editor and **Steven Mikulan** L.A. Noir blog columnist. Previously, Dickey was entertainment editor at the Associated Press and Mikulan was an editor at the L.A. Weekly.

REAL ESTATE

The L.A. chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women, a national advocacy group for the real estate industry, has named its 2010 board: **Jennifer Hafner** is president, **Susan Barilich**, president elect and alternate delegate; **Dino Champagne**, co-vice president of programs; **Christina Clark**, national delegate; **Karen Davidson**, chief financial officer; **Joy De La Cruz**, vice president of communications; **Janet Doud**, sponsorship vice president; **Lisa Glouner**, co-vice president of membership; **Wendy Hagen**, co-vice president of membership; **LeAnn Lambrecht**, vice president of member services; **Trudi J. Lesser**, national delegate; **Donna Peterson**, co-vice president of programs; **Tori Robinson**, immediate past president; and **Lisa Quateman**, general counsel. Hafner is an associate at Davidson & Associates; Barilich, attorney at Susan Barilich PC; Champagne is division manager at Asset Preservation; Clark is vice president at Warren Wixen Real Estate Services; Davidson is president at Davidson & Associates; De La Cruz is chief operating officer at AIR Commercial Real Estate Association; Doud is vice president at Orexco; Glouner is an analyst at Archon Group-Goldman Sachs Co.; Hagen, vice president at First American Title Co.; Lambrecht is property manager at Legacy Partners Commercial; Lesser is an attorney; Peterson is business development and marketing manager at Cal Vada Surveying Inc.; Robinson is vice president at Old Republic Title Co.; and Quateman is managing partner at Quateman LLP.