

Scheduled Conference

37th Annual TEI-SJSU High Tech Tax Institute
November 8 & 9, 2021

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The 2-day TEI-SJSU High Tech Tax Institute was held virtually on November 8 and 9 with over 300 attendees. The program was shortened from prior years but still of excellent quality. We partnered with CalCPA to ensure high quality online delivery. The agenda can be found here: <https://www.sjsu.edu/taxinstitute/agendas/index.html>.

We hope to be back in person for the 37th Annual Institute on November 9 and 10, 2021 at the Crowne Plaza Cabana in Palo Alto. We might also have a virtual component given its popularity and that it was easy for people out of the area to attend. We'll post updates on this as we have them at <https://www.sjsu.edu/taxinstitute/>. We thank our speakers, sponsors and attendees for their flexibility and support.

Zachary Nolan, JD, LL.M will start teaching BUS 225B, Corporate Reorganizations, in our MST program starting in spring 2021. Zachary is a transactional tax lawyer at DLA Piper LLP. He advises clients on a wide range of federal, state and international tax issues pertaining to all stages of a company's life, including entity selection and formation, financing, restructurings, mergers and acquisitions, cross-border planning, and tax-efficient dissolutions. The focus of Zachary's practice is to ensure his clients optimize their financial position by maximizing their tax benefit on a federal, state and international level. Prior to joining DLA Piper LLP, Zachary worked for PricewaterhouseCoopers in the Mergers and Acquisitions tax group.

Zachary received his LL.M in Taxation from New York University School of Law, his Juris Doctor and Business Law Certificate (Magna Cum Laude) from the Florida State College of Law, and his Bachelors of Science in Business Administration and Marketing (Cum Laude) from the University of Florida. During his LL.M Doctor, he externed as a clerk for the Honorable Judge Stampelos of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida and for the Honorable Judge Ray of the First District Court of Appeal of Florida.

Welcome Zachary!

STUDENT NEWS

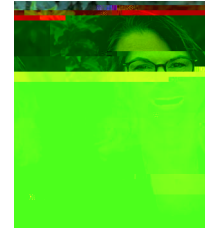
**Congratulations to Aarti Shah and Kimberly Puliafico
Co-Outstanding MST Graduates for Summer/Fall 2020**

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MST students and alums: Have news to share with others? Please send details to catherine.dougherty@sjsu.edu

ALUMNI NEWS

Leigh Ann Moore, CPA, MST



Leigh Ann Moore, CPA, MST, Director of Tax Operations at Netgear, Inc. A SJSU accounting program graduate, she began her career as an auditor with Ernst & Young in San Jose where she earned her CPA. After working in financial accounting for several years, “I crossed over into tax and never looked back. I love the challenging work!”

At Netgear, Leigh Ann is focused on ASC 740 tax accounting, the federal & state income tax return compliance cycle, and management of the sales and use/property tax processes. She considers herself a corporate tax generalist after having developed these skills during roles with National Semiconductor, the IRS, Intuit, Xilinx, and eBay.

“I’ve been very fortunate in my career to have worked at organizations with incredibly interesting issues and amazing colleagues, giving me a broad background in corporate taxation. I really enjoy teaching and mentoring staff because I remember the first time I tackled these issues and needed guidance.” Leigh Ann didn’t enter the MST program until later in her career, after working as a single mom raising her two daughters. “The MST program was always a goal of mine, and it allowed me to really solidify my understanding of the underlying principles of taxation in a cogent way. It would have been great to have had that theoretical understanding from the start, but it’s never too late.”

Her advice for MST students is to be a life-long learner. “I’ve maintained my certification throughout my career, enjoying classes through TEI, the CalCPA Society, SJSU High Tech Tax Institute, or firms’ webcasts. And, embrace tax technology – tax is always changing.” She also advises to “fill your bucket with the big rocks” by making sure you focus on key skill sets at each position. “It may not be your dream job, but if you take on something specific from each opportunity, that’s how you build your career.” Outside of work, Leigh Ann enjoys hiking, gardening and traveling. A favorite trip was a 2-week drive/stay through New Zealand in 2019. “I plan to get back out there post-Covid!”