

## NORTH AMERICA DEVELOPING LEADERS & BEST PRACTICES CONFERENCE GUEST SPEAKERS



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**A**ugust Aquila is one of the profession's key thought leaders. He works with firms as small as \$1 million to some of the largest firms in the US and abroad. As a former partner in a Top100 US firm and a senior executive with American Express Tax & Business Services, Inc., August brings a wealth of hands-on experience to his clients and presentations.

For twenty-seven years he has advised professional services firms covering succession planning, mergers and acquisitions, compensation plan designs and partnership issues.

He has written several books on managing professional services firms. Most recently: *Engaging Partners in the Firm's Future*, *What Successful Managing Partners Do*, *Performance Is Everything – The Why, What and How of Designing Compensation Plans*, and *Client at the Core: Marketing and Managing Today's Professional Services Firm*.

He is a frequent speaker at AICPA National Conferences and at State CPA Society Conferences. He has been a frequent presenter at SME Advisors Conferences in Canada and has presented seminars in England, Mexico and India.

August holds an MBA from DePaul University (Chicago) and a PhD from Indiana University (Bloomington). When not working, August enjoys biking, traveling and gardening.



**JOHN F. RASPANTE**  
NAPLIA

**J**ohn F Raspante is the Director of Risk Management with the North American Argent Professionals Insurance Agency (NAPLIA), a leading professional liability insurance agency located in Framingham, MA.

John F. Raspante previously held the roles of: Director of Compliance and Risk Management; and Director of Education for Graf Repetti & Co. LLP. Prior to his role at Graf Repetti, Raspante worked nine years for CAMICO Mutual Insurance Company, the nation's second largest provider of accountants' professionals liability insurance, providing loss prevention services to the organizations largest insured's.

A resident of Freehold, NJ, Raspante earned a BBA in accounting from Baruch College (CUNY) and a master's degree in tax from Washington School of Law. He also holds the designation Certified Divorce Financial Analyst.

His professional affiliations include memberships in the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and twelve state accounting societies. He also serves on NYSSCPA's Compilation and Review Committee, NJCPAs Editorial Board and the Accounting and Auditing interest group, and the National Conference of CPA's Ethics Committee.

Raspante is a frequent author and speaker within the accounting profession on issues relating to risk management and professional ethics.

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**JANE SCAC CETTI,**  
DRUCKER & SCAC CETTI

**J**ane Scaccetti began her public accounting career in 1977. She has extensive experience in tax and financial services for the family-owned and entrepreneurially driven business. In addition to the responsibilities of her practice, Jane has had the opportunity to serve as a director on the boards of four publicly reporting companies. She currently serves as both a director and the Audit Committee Chair to The Pep Boys. She also serves on the board of Mathematica, Inc.

In 1990, Jane became one of the founding shareholders of Drucker & Scaccetti. She has since helped to define the client service philosophy of the firm as one of proactive involvement in the financial needs of its clients.

Jane has received many awards and recognition over the years, including the 2006 PA Best 50 Women in Business Award, the Pinnacle Award and the 2010 Influential Woman of the Year. She has been recognized by the Philadelphia Business Journal as a Women of Distinction Award recipient (2010) and is an inaugural recipient of its Outstanding Directors Award in 2013. Jane serves as a Trustee of Temple University, and chairs the Finance Committee at Salus University. She also serves as the Chair of the board of Temple University Health System and a Director at Temple University Hospital.



**WAYNE GEISSER**  
SMART DEVINE

**W**ayne has a practice concentration in forensic accounting with over 25 years of experience. He has been engaged by law firms as well as corporate and government clients to offer his expertise in connection with a diverse range of issues. He has prepared and critiqued economic damage claims involving lost profits, valuation issues and direct costs.

His forensic investigation practice includes participating as a consultant in numerous federal and state grand jury investigations as well as internal corporate investigations. He has also provided assistance to counsel in addressing criminal and civil investigations conducted by various federal agencies including the Department of Justice, SEC and IRS.

In his Securities-related practice he has represented clients involved with several "cooking the books" type cases. He has represented clients in connection with SEC and PHLX investigations.

He has served in a Trustee capacity in numerous matters including resolution of entities engaged in Ponzi schemes and consumer fraud as well as contests for corporate control. He has also served as a Receiver, Monitor, Special Master and Advisor to the court. He has testified as an expert on numerous occasions in federal and state courts as well as various ADR forums and stock exchange proceedings.

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**ALISA CHESTLER**  
BAKER DONELSON

**A**lisa Chestler, of counsel in the Washington, D.C. office of Baker Donelson, concentrates her practice in health care and insurance regulatory compliance; privacy, security and records management issues; and corporate transactions matters. Ms. Chestler joined Baker Donelson after a distinguished career as in-house counsel and privacy officer to several large public and private companies.

Ms. Chestler assists clients with negotiating complex information technology and partnership agreements, including health information exchange (HIE) participation, EHR negotiation, adoption and compliance with HITECH and meaningful use requirements. She has also assisted clients in analyzing and negotiating cloud computing issues and agreements. In addition, Ms. Chestler counsels employers, insurers and state regulators with the evolving Affordable Care Act (ACA) compliance and policy issues, including drafting required updates and compliance policies and procedures and contractual relationships.

Ms. Chestler has counseled providers, managed care organizations, insurers, third-party administrators, self-funded employers and health care specialty organizations on regulatory, compliance and operational issues, provider contracting and credentialing, disease management, ERISA, and compliance with Medicare Secondary Payor issues, including MMSEA mandatory reporting obligations.