

DR. MARINA R. GRAUE-mail: marinagrau@att.net**EDUCATION**

Ed.D. - Higher Education Administration
 Minor - Accounting
 Texas Southern University

MBA - Marketing/Management Concentration
 University of St. Thomas

CPA - State of Texas
Certified Public Accountant License # 55481
 State Board of Public Accountancy

BBA - Accounting
 University of St. Thomas - Cum Laude

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**January 1992 – Present**

► Accounting Professor - **27+ years of Teaching experience**
 Currently teaching graduate and undergraduate courses at local Colleges and Universities
-Houston Community College – Department Chair and full-time faculty member
-University of St. Thomas – Adjunct faculty member
Teaching Graduate and Undergraduate courses at the Cameron School of Business

► Areas of expertise: Financial Accounting, Managerial and Cost Accounting, Accounting Information Systems, Auditing, Fraud Examinations and Forensic Accounting

► **Certified to teach online courses with several platforms: Blackboard, Moodle, Canvas, and other LMS systems.**

► Certified by the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy, to teach **Ethics for Accountants** to CPA Candidates

January 1992 – Present**Marina R. Grau, CPA – Sole proprietor of an Accounting Firm****For 25 years, I have been self-employed providing my clients the following services:**

► **Management Consulting.** Business planning for small entrepreneurs.

I offer clients a full complement of accounting, tax, and financial services that allows them to more effectively and efficiently manage their business.

► I work with clients to provide assistance with QuickBooks, Peachtree and any customized General Ledger software package, and/or **Accounting Information Systems**. My services include set-up, training, support, and reporting.

► **Provide tax planning services**, income tax preparation for individuals, corporations, and partnerships. I work year-round to stay abreast of all changes to tax laws and identify opportunities to minimize my clients' total tax burden. The firm also prepares all federal, state and local tax returns for individuals and businesses. My accounting and tax services are tailored to each business owner's circumstances.

► **Sales tax and payroll tax reporting for clients.**

Sales Tax and Payroll processing can become a time-consuming chore for busy small business owners. We take this task off their plate, providing them with more time to focus on growing their business.

► **Forensic Accounting and Litigation Support**

I assist my clients with financial analysis in situations where fraud is suspected. Typical engagements include corporate fraud, employee dishonesty, spousal dishonesty, insurance fraud and investigation of other suspicious or questionable transactions

► **IRS representation in audits and compliance work.**

I provide clients IRS Problem Resolution if they require representation with the IRS.

► **Reviews and Compilations**

My Company provides a full range of services designed to provide assurance that my clients' financial statements accurately represent the true financial position of their company.

► **Being a sole practitioner of an Accounting Firm, allows me to expand my 17 years of experience in public accounting and industry, keep current with all the tax laws, and allows me the opportunity to bring "real world" experiences into the classroom.**

September 1974 – December 1991

17 years of Public Accounting experience as a Manager for international accounting firms: BDO, formerly Seidman and Seidman, Grant Thornton, formerly Alexander Grant, and Schlumberger Oil and Well Services.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

Houston Chapter of CPAs: Accounting Educators Program, CPAs Helping Schools
AICPA - American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
TSCPA - Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants

PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES:

a) 2004 Accounting Education Conference
Paper presented at the Texas Society of CPAs Conference
October 22-23, 2004 Dallas, Texas
Topic: "Online Learning at Houston Community College"

b) Paper presented at the Fourteenth Annual Conference of Research Association of Minority Professors
February 2-4, 1995 Houston, Texas
Topic: "Affirmative Action: Finding, Hiring, and Retaining Minority Faculty in Higher Education"

c) 19th. Annual Seminar on Accounting Education
Paper presented at the Texas Society of CPAs Conference
November 5, 1993 Houston, Texas
Topic: "Special Needs and Concerns of Community and Junior Colleges"

SCHOLARSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

Academic Scholarships:

- a) American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- b) American Woman's Society of CPA's of Houston
- c) National Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholar
- d) University of St. Thomas

Academic Honors:

- a) Accounting Honor Society
- b) St. Thomas Aquinas Honor Society
- c) Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award - Outstanding Graduating Senior Award
University Of St. Thomas
- d) Society of Distinguished American College Students

- e) UCLA- Recipient of award given by the National Chicano Council for Higher Education for distinguished academic performance
- f) Texas Business Hall of Fame Foundation

AWARDS:

a) Spring 2009 – Teacher of the Year

Awarded by the Houston West Chamber of Commerce

b) Fall 2003 – “TSCPA OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTING EDUCATOR AWARD”

Awarded by the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Award recognized excellence in Leadership, Teaching, and contributions to the accounting profession.

c) “Shaker and Mover” 2002 Greater Southwest Houston Chamber of Commerce

Award for contributions to the community in the areas of business and education

**d) “Exemplary Status” granted in 1996, 2001, and 2005 by the Texas
Higher Education Coordinating Board**

e) Spring 2002 - NISOD Award

Award given for Excellence in Leadership and Teaching

f) Fall 2001 – Nominated for Outstanding Educator Award

Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants