

Derek E. Evans
Partner

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Experience and Expertise

Derek is a partner at GALLINA and leads the state and local tax ("SALT") team with over twenty years of experience as a CPA, specializing in many industries including construction, high tech, service, and software. Derek also has a combination of federal income tax and payroll tax experience with large and small entities as well as individuals. Since GALLINA's combination with Utah-based firm, Leverich Group, Derek has assumed the role as the Partner-in-Charge of the Utah office.

Derek has spent most of his career in public accounting, but also brings clients a unique perspective from eight years of experience in private industry tax departments within the states of Arizona and Utah. Having worked from the inside, he understands the internal needs of the financial and tax departments. When combining that with his perspective from public accounting, he has been able to see tax compliance and planning, multi-state income and sales tax, and many other viable functions of a business from all facets.

Approach

Derek wants to be a participant, not just a spectator. He feels like he has a front row seat watching people succeed in their business goals. Derek shares, "Every business has an owner that is trying to reach their dream. I thoroughly enjoy helping and witnessing people succeed." This is what makes client interaction rewarding. Derek knows this is a people business and not just about saving taxes or creating a structure. He enjoys the positive feedback he receives after helping clients' solve accounting or tax issues.

Involvements

- Intermountain Society of Practicing Certified Public Accountants, member

Education

- Bachelors of Science in Accounting from Brigham Young University
- Masters of Science in Income Taxation from Brigham Young University

Other Interests

- Spending time with family
- Enjoys church, sand duning, automobiles, and computers