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AJIT THAKUR, CPA (Moderator)

Ajit Thakur has an established practice as a Certified Public Accountant in the Houston area that continues to be a positive impact on businesses and professionals. Ajit received his degree in commerce/accountancy from BMCC – Pune University in 1966. He became a Chartered Accountant in 1970. Ajit is licensed as a CPA in Texas since 1987.

Ajit has over four decades of accounting and tax experience in industry and public practice. He has worked in positions such as Management Accountant, Chief Internal Auditor, Company Secretary and Financial Controller in diverse industries such as a MNC pharmaceutical company, an automobile manufacturer, a paper mill in India and a group of companies in Bahrain. In Texas he has practiced public accounting over last 25 years. He concentrates on multi-state and international tax issues for businesses and professionals.

Ajit has been instrumental in facilitating the process of numerous groups becoming 501(c) (3) organizations to better enhance the Houston community. Ajit works with his peers in professional organizations such as Texas Society of CPAs. . He has also served on Houston CPA committees.

Ajit has volunteered time for VITA program for about 15 years and served as Program Manager at Houston Downtown Library. He is immediate Past President of IACCGH.



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Swapn Dhairyawan

Swapn established his CPA practice in 2004 which presently has 12 associates. He holds a Masters Degree & the Cost Accountant Degree from India. He has worked in the Private accounting field for 10 years in Mumbai & thereafter in the Public accounting field in Houston for 4 years before starting his firm MD & Associates. His firm caters to small & medium size businesses providing full service write up services, payroll, sales tax & income tax preparation. The firm also represents clients for their Sales Tax, Franchise Tax, TWC & Income Tax Audits. The firm has handled OVDI & OVDP assignments successfully. Swapn has been a writer for the AICPA Examinations for few times and he is heavily involved in Community organizations in Greater Houston Area



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Mahesh Desai

Mahesh Desai obtained his CPA certification in 1993 has his CPA practice since then in Southwest Houston.

He is also a CFA charter holder, CFP, and Chartered Accountant. He holds Master's Degree in Accounting & Auditing from MS University of Baroda.

He has FINRA Series 7, 65, 24 licenses. During his career he had various roles involving in strategic and tactical planning, business development, human relations, accounting, auditing, finance, Risk and investment management fields in USA and internationally.



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Kershaw Khumbatta

Have established own practice since 1992 - Kershaw K. Khumbatta P.C. which now has 11 associates. They specialize in providing tax consulting for individuals and businesses.

The firm provides a one-stop approach helping the business owner initially design an internal control system. They follow up with providing full service write-up, including payroll, sales and income tax preparations and tax planning.

As a CPA, Kershaw assists clients in writing of business plans for loans and start-up business; and performs financial reviews. He assists clients in bankruptcy and divorce cases.

Additionally, Kershaw works with attorneys for setting up Trusts and Estate Planning, and represents clients for Income Tax and Sales Tax audits with government agencies.



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Rimple Mashruwala

Rimple has been in accounting area since 1999. Rimple has worked extensively with small to medium sized businesses. She enjoys working with clients, putting an emphasis on creating sound bookkeeping systems, preparation of financial statements, income tax planning & preparation, and business consultation.

Between 2005 and 2006, Rimple studied for CPA and has earned her CPA from the state of Delaware. She is currently the manager of Comprehensive Paperless Bookkeeping firm which is an accounting and a tax firm. Rimple has joined the firm of Atul B Kothari in June 2007 and since then she is fortunate to get trained under his hand



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Umesh Jain

Umesh "Mike" Jain started Jain and Jain, PC, CPAs along with his wife Rajni in 1986. Jain and Jain focuses on audits, reviews, compilations, and tax services primarily for businesses. Before starting the practice in 1986, Mr. Jain worked in the public accounting and in industry for about 10 years both in India and the United States. Mr. Jain is a on the board of Bank of Houston (\$ 900 million bank) and University of St. Thomas. Mr. Jain is a past board member of Horizon Capital Bank. Mr. Jain received his Bachelor of Commerce in India in 1975, became a Chartered Accountant in India in 1978, and became a Certified Public Accountant in 1982.

