



Client Centered Professional Services  
Audit • Tax • Consulting • Financial Services

Date: February 15, 2006  
Contact: Russ Wertz  
TEL: 949.756.5000 x228  
FAX: 949.756.1618  
Email: [rwertz@wertzco.com](mailto:rwertz@wertzco.com)  
Website: [www.wertzco.com](http://www.wertzco.com)

Michael E. McCarthy, CPA Earns CFE Designation

Irvine, CA – Wertz & Company, LLP is pleased to announce that the association of Certified Fraud Examiners, the world’s leading provider of anti-fraud training and education, has awarded Michael E. McCarthy, CPA the globally preferred “Certified Fraud Examiner” (CFE) designation. CFEs are knowledgeable in four areas critical to the fight against fraud: Fraudulent Financial Transactions, Criminology & Ethics, Legal Elements of Fraud and Fraud Investigation.

The ACFE’s Board of Regents awards this designation only to select professionals who meet a stringent set of criteria, including character, experience, and education. Mr. McCarthy has successfully met these criteria and now joins the ranks of over 16,000 business and government professionals worldwide who have also earned the CFE certification.

CFEs have the ability to: Examine data and records to detect and trace fraudulent transactions; interview suspects to obtain information and confessions; write investigation reports, advise clients as to their findings and testify at trial; be well-versed in the law as it relates to fraud and fraud investigations; and understand the underlying factors that motivate individuals to commit fraud. Certified Fraud Examiners (CFE’s) on six continents have investigated more than 1 million suspected cases of civil and criminal fraud.

Wertz & Company, headquartered in Irvine, is a full service, client centered, CPA firm specializing in providing audit, tax, consulting, and financial services to individuals and small & mid-size entrepreneurial companies throughout the Southern California Region.

# # #