

Mark Castleton, Program Manager of Strategic Planning Analysis, City of Mesa

Mark Castleton is the Program Manager of Strategic Planning Analysis for the City of Mesa and has been with the City for 5 years. He analyzes large data sets to describe what caused historical operational and financial performance, uses those causal relationships to predict future performance, and builds analytical models that optimize outcomes over the planning horizon. At the City of Mesa, Mark has worked with management teams at Solid Waste, Fleet Services, Transportation, Information Technologies, Energy Resources, Engineering, Police, Fire & Medical, and Development Services. Before coming to local government, Mark worked and consulted for organizations in manufacturing, supply chain, finance, high tech, energy, and real estate.

Christopher Goeman, CPA, CGFM Audit Manager, HeinfeldMeech

Chris has been with Heinfeld Meech for eight years, where he manages audits of state and local governments. Chris is a certified public accountant and a certified government financial manager. Chris graduated from NAU with degrees in Accountancy and Hotel and Restaurant Management. Chris is a member of the AZ Society of CPAs and the AICPA. He is also a special review committee member of the GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Certificate Program.

Brian Hemmerle, CPA, CPE, Senior Manager, Henry & Horne

Brian Hemmerle is known for his extensive industry knowledge. He has nearly 10 years' experience providing audit and Single Audit services for not-for-profit and government entities such as school districts including Joint Technological Education Districts (JTED), HUD entities, municipalities, counties, state agencies and court audits for various municipalities. Brian is also a certified QuickBooks ProAdvisor.

Before joining Henry+Horne in 2009 Brian worked as an auditor for firms in Phoenix and Los Angeles performing government and not-for-profit audits. He received his Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the University of Arizona.

When he's not working, Brian enjoys spending time with his family, watching college football and going to the movies.

Dawn Jenkins, Senior Budget Analyst, City of Peoria

Dawn M. Jenkins is a Senior Budget Analyst with the City of Peoria. Her major responsibility is completing analysis of financial and operational issues, develop automated systems, formulate long term forecasting and assess financial activities for funds. Prior to this position, was a Senior Accountant for 11 years with the City. She oversaw the general ledger, monthly and year-end financials, completeness of the capital assets and prepared the annual SEFA. Dawn received her Bachelor of Science degree in Accountancy from Wilmington University in Wilmington, Delaware. Dawn's accounting background has included working as an Account Analyst with Kent County Levy Court, Delaware and an Accounting Manager with Our Vacation Store, Inc., Arizona. Dawn served as the Secretary/Treasurer for the Westside Finance Officers Association. She is a City of Peoria trainer for True Colors, Customer Service, and Diversity. She has worked with Glendale Community College in mentoring accounting interns.



Joshua Jumper, CPA, CFM Audit Manager, HeinfeldMeech

An audit manager with Heinfeld, Meech & Co., Joshua has 11 years of experience in the governmental accounting and auditing industry and specializes in working with municipalities and other local governments. Joshua has previously presented on governmental accounting and compliance topics at events sponsored by GFOAz and the Arizona Association of School Business Officials. In addition, Joshua has received the Advanced Single Audit Certificate from the AICPA and is a Special Review Committee Member for the GFOA's CAFR certificate program.

Mindy Russell, Management and Budget Assistant, City of Peoria

Mindy Russell is the Management Assistant in the City of Peoria Finance and Budget Department. She has spent the majority of her career in the public sector, and she has been with the City of Peoria since 1992. During that time, Mindy has had the opportunity to work in several departments including Public Works, Fire Department, Community Services and the City Manager's office, and has spent the past 21 years in Finance and Budget. Among her favorite duties in the Budget Office is producing the City of Peoria Annual Budget Document.

Mindy has been a GFOAz member for 20 years, has been on the Education Committee for 18 years, and has been a GFOAz Board member since June of 2008.

Pat Walker, Principal Owner, Pat Walker Consulting

With more than 38 years of experience in local government and municipal finance, Pat Walker has provided a broad array of management and financial planning services. Ms. Walker was with the City of Chandler, Arizona, for 23 years and served as the City's management services director and chief financial officer. In 2007, she became a municipal management and financial consultant to cities, towns and utilities across the country, working with municipalities and utilities preparing budgets and financial analysis. In 2012, she formed Pat Walker Consulting LLC to continue her consulting in municipal management and finance services to small and large communities throughout Arizona.

