



## KENNETH L. TORNHEIM, CPA, CFE DIRECTOR

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Ken has been with Ostrow Reisin Berk & Abrams, Ltd. since 1986 and became a director in 1999. Ken joined the firm right out of college and has spent his career working with privately-owned companies, their owners and not-for-profit organizations. In addition to accounting and auditing services, Ken provides tax planning, financial analysis and business consulting services.

Ken specializes in representing closely-held companies, including manufacturing, retail, landscaping, and construction, as well as not-for-profit organizations.

### INDUSTRIES

Manufacturing and Distribution  
Not-For-Profit

### SERVICES

Litigation Support Services  
Audit Services

### MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Association of Certified Fraud Examiners
- Illinois CPA Society Former member, Nonprofit Committee

### CERTIFICATIONS AND LICENSES

- Certified Fraud Examiner
- Certified Public Accountant

### EDUCATION

- B.S., Accounting, Indiana University

### PROACTIVE

Ken finds what differentiates him and the firm is being hands-on with each of his clients. Ken is often going to meet his clients on site, to interact with them and see firsthand what value he can bring in a face-to-face context. It is what he enjoys doing the most, as it represents the clear value he brings to his client relationships.

Ken focuses on helping his clients become more profitable across their business. He works with clients on identifying inefficient operations and developing proper systems and internal controls for their financial functions. Ken also brings the same focus to the unique needs of not-for-profit organizations, including helping them create more efficient operations.

As a Certified Fraud Examiner, Ken has also helped clients and legal practitioners with a variety of fraud-related cases ranging from recommending fraud prevention controls to investigating suspected fraud. His experience as an examiner also allows Ken to see where companies' internal controls and accounting processes might be leaving them more vulnerable to fraud.

### OUTSIDE OF THE OFFICE

Ken and his family all share a passion for travel and Chicago Cubs baseball. They enjoy their periodic travel to Japan and other countries throughout Northeast and Southeast Asia, where they enjoy urban hiking and getting acclimated to local culture. During the spring and summer, Ken can often be found at Wrigley Field with family or friends enjoying his beloved Cubs.

### CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Board Member, Kobe College Corporation – Japan Education Exchange

### BLOGS

- *Eight Strategies for Boosting Your Production Strategy*
- *Get Ready for the New Lease Accounting Standard*
- *Not-For-Profit News*
- *Prevent the UBIT Trap of Corporate Sponsorships*
- *Five Steps to "Recession-Proof" Your Business*

- *Newsbits: Giving Study Yields Disappointing Results*
- *Four Signs of an Unreliable Budget*
- *Critical Questions to Ask About Internal Controls*

## **NEWSLETTERS**

- *Manufacturing and Distribution Group Newsletter – Spring 2024*
- *Not-For-Profit Group Newsletter - Winter 2024*
- *Not-For-Profit Group Newsletter - Spring 2023*
- *Manufacturing and Distribution Group Newsletter – Winter 2023*
- *Not-For-Profit Group Newsletter - Winter 2022*
- *Manufacturing and Distribution Group Newsletter – Fall 2021*
- *Manufacturing and Distribution Group Newsletter – Spring 2021*
- *Manufacturing and Distribution Group Newsletter – Winter 2021*