



Chapter News



Atlanta Chapter

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President's Message

The September Panel Discussion - M&A and Capital Markets Update meeting was a great event. I received positive feedback from a number of people who attended about the valuable material received. Now is a great time to reserve your seat on October 16 to enjoy lunch and learn with us. Our speaker will be Michael Blake with Adams Capital and he will be speaking about Valuation Topics and Techniques. You'll likely meet people who can help you achieve some of your professional goals.

The Atlanta Chapter Officers continue to give thought to the question: What does the Atlanta Chapter mean to you, and how can you use it to grow professionally? We are working to help you make progress related to continuing education and developing your professional network and career path, and have fun in the process. We also work to provide a comfortable environment for students as they advance to enter our profession. As we move toward these goals, we see a need for members to join the leadership team to help us carry out the initiatives of education and professional development, and we welcome your ideas. If you want to be involved this year, reach out to any of the chapter officers or committee chairs. We'll be happy to find a position to best help you achieve your goals.

Thanks,
Michael Levine
Atlanta Chapter President

Chapter Meeting Information

Meeting Information

Date: October 16, 2007

Location: Vintage Room, Renaissance Hotel, 590 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta (conference room adjacent to buffet line on street level of hotel)

Time: 12 p.m. (please arrive 20+ minutes early for registration)

Cost: \$20 (includes lunch and 1 hour of CPE credit)

Moderator: Michael Blake

Topic: Valuation Topics & Techniques: An Executive Summary

GSCPA Atlanta Chapter meetings are open to professionals with interest in the topic being discussed. The meetings also happen to be great opportunities to meet other professionals. If you know of someone who would benefit by attending this month's meeting, please forward this invitation to them with a request to RSVP.

Please forward your reservations/cancellations via email ASAP to:

[Kris Clark](#), Atlanta Chapter Secretary

Complimentary valet parking is available at the Renaissance main entrance for those attending the Atlanta Chapter meeting.

Speaker's Biography

Michael S. Blake, CFA **Valuation Associate**

Mr. Blake is a valuation associate at Adams Capital, Inc. He has twelve years experience in capital raising and merger and acquisition support, including the valuation and financial management of early stage ventures. Prior to joining Adams Capital, Mr. Blake founded 3SVentures, LLC, a consultancy focusing on supporting the financial development of early stage ventures, providing outsourced corporate finance services to Atlanta businesses, and offering part-time CFO services for small companies. Adams Capital acquired 3SVentures in 2005.

Mr. Blake worked for Jaakko Pöyry Consulting, a global strategic consulting firm specializing in the forestry-related industries; Orama Partners, a New York merchant bank raising capital for and investing in emerging technology firms in Israel and North America; and Global Partner Ventures, a Richmond-based venture capital fund specializing in the commercialization of military technologies. Mr. Blake is fluent in English, Russian and French.

Mr. Blake's industry experience includes information technology, medical devices, drug development, computer hardware, electronic entertainment, telecommunications, publishing, business services, e-commerce and Internet-driven services, aerospace, and paper & timber.

Mr. Blake received his Bachelor's Degree, Cum Laude, in Economics and French from Franklin & Marshall College and his Masters of Business Administration Degree from Georgetown University. He is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) charterholder and a member of the CFA Institute (formerly Association for Investment Management and Research, AIMR.) Mr. Blake is also a member of the Stamford, Connecticut Society of Investment Analysts (SSIA,) is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and is the President of the Atlanta Chapter of the Georgetown University MBA Alumni Association.

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The North Perimeter Chapter is offering several CPE courses with both A&A and general credit at Georgia Perimeter College. For more information, please [click here](#).

The North Atlanta Chapter is hosting an eight hour A&A forum at Kennesaw State University on Saturday, October 6. For more information, please [click here](#).

2007 - 2008 Meeting Schedule

November & December 2007 - No meeting
January 22, 2008 - TBD
February 19, 2008 - TBD

