

Famous Person of the Week



WHO: Nathan Botts, CPA, shareholder in Saltmarsh, Cleaveland & Gund, P.A.'s (Pensacola, Fla.) Financial Institution Advisory Group

LEADERSHIP IN PKF NAN: Chairman of Financial Institutions Committee

PRESS CLIPS: Nathan has written a number of articles, such as "Internal Control and Corporate Governance Practices for Financial Institutions," published by AlexInformation in 2004. "A recent article referred to me as a 'guru,' but my kids tell me it's because I've been around a long time," he jokes.

WHAT MAKES NATHAN FAMOUS: Thirty-five years of experience consulting with financial institutions in the areas of accounting, tax, and regulatory issues. He has helped clients with bank formations, mergers and acquisitions, problem bank workouts, and he's served as an expert witness. Of the current national economic crisis, Nathan says, "This is by far the most difficult time I've seen in my career of working with the financial industry."

PROFESSIONAL PARTICIPATION: Nathan is a former member of the AICPA's Depository Institution Expert Panel.

WORDS OF WISDOM: Nathan's business philosophy is to provide the best service possible to his clients, and then bill them timely. He finds that clients' perception of the service they receive seems to dictate the billing results.

Nathan appreciates the close connections his work has brought him. "I truly enjoy my work and clients, who are some of the best friends I have," he says. "When hurricane Ivan hit a few years ago, I must have received calls from 20 bank presidents asking if we were okay."

ON THE PERSONAL SIDE: You'll often find Nathan fishing on the bay near his home in Bagdad, Florida. He also likes to work in the yard and travel with his wife, who frequently goes abroad to do mission work. "We've been to Africa, Argentina, and recently spent time in Israel." They have five grown children, with a wide variety of interests and occupations to keep up with.