Speaker Biographies

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R. MILTON HOWELL III, CPA, CSEP

Milton is a partner and Director of Tax Services with DMJ & Co., P.L.L.C. in Greensboro, N.C. He has practiced primarily in tax matters for more than thirty years. His specialty is handling the tax matters that closely-held businesses and their owners face day to day. Milton regularly writes and reviews articles in local, regional and national publications on tax matters and spends significant time monitoring current tax issues and legislation. His speaking engagements include the Southern Federal Tax Institute, the North Carolina Association of CPAs, CPAmerica International, and many other venues and organizations. He is a Past-Chair of the Tax Committee of the North Carolina Association of CPAs, a Past-Chair of the Tax Executive Committee of CPAmerica International, and a Past-President of the Greensboro Estate Planning Council.

Also, he has served as a member of the NC Tax Modernization Task Force which consulted with the NC General Assembly on state tax reform proposals. He holds designations as a Certified Public Accountant and as a Certified Specialist in Estate Planning, and holds Series 7 and 66 securities licenses. He volunteered as Treasurer of two Boy Scout Troops. Milton enjoys biking, scuba diving, Civil War history, and traveling with his family. He actively tweets about tax matters via @MHowellTax.

Paula McMillan, CPA/PFS, CFP, CGMA, Stearns Financial Group

Paula S. McMillan, CFP®, CPA/PFS, CGMA is a Senior Financial Advisor with fee-only RIA Stearns Financial Group. Paula has prior Big Four and large regional accounting firm experience, as well as Fortune 500 experience in the financial services industry. She has traveled extensively throughout the U.S., Europe, Asia, Africa and the Middle East to serve clients with an international consulting firm.
Paula serves on the AICPA's PFS Credential and Advanced Personal Financial Planning Conference Committees and the Society for Financial Service Professionals' Foundation Board. Seeing a need for greater financial empowerment for women, Paula founded and chairs the NCACPA Triad Women's Initiatives Group and actively participates in Financial Focus for Women. Paula is also an active member of the Greensboro Estate Planning Council and NAPFA. Paula has been published and quoted in national and local publications, including AICPA's The Tax Adviser, Kiplinger's and The Business Journal. She created two AICPA podcast series on retirement planning and women and wealth. She is a TEDx presenter on the topic of Retirement: Longevity and Security. Paula regularly delivers presentations to national, regional and local audiences on Social Security, Retirement Planning, Women and Wealth and Financial Wellness.

SHARON F. SCHLACHTER, JD, Fidelity National Title - LOCAL COUNSEL & BRANCH MANAGER

Sharon joined Fidelity National Title Group in January of this year after having been in private practice for the last 13 years. She brings with her current, firsthand experience in the day to day operations of a real property practice, especially the demands of TRID and CFPB compliance on the practitioner. She is excited to use this knowledge and experience to ensure that Fidelity's client-attorneys know that they truly have a supportive partner in Fidelity National Title of Greensboro.

Sharon graduated from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, cum laude, with a B.A. in Political Science and English and Mercer University's Walter F. George School of Law in Macon, Georgia. She lives in Greensboro with her husband, Erin and their three children.