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ADelaney@KernuttStokes.com**Kernutt Stokes' Managing Partner Named One of America's Top 200 CPAs by Forbes**

Kernutt Stokes' Managing Partner Steven E. Ritchie, CPA, CFE, has been named one of "America's Top 200 CPAs" for 2024 by Forbes. Ritchie is the only CPA in the Northwest to make the list.

This is the first year Forbes has compiled the list and it follows nearly a year of research. The finalists were compiled by the Forbes editorial staff and an independent advisory board of CPAs; and sourced from more than a thousand candidates independently recognized and nominated by CPA associations and societies. Candidates do not pay any fee to be considered or selected.

Nominees were rated on a range of weighted criteria, including expertise, innovation, thought leadership, experience, and service to the community and to their profession, as well as responses to selected questions.

"Being named to Forbes' "America's Top 200 CPAs" list is an honor. This award, along with having been named one of the "100 Best" companies to work for in Oregon and one of top the 50 public accounting firms in the country is validation that we're making the right decisions on behalf of our staff, clients, and leadership," said Ritchie.

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