

SUMMER 2026

Newsletter

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VITOLO AND ASSOCIATES HAS JOINED SMOLIN

We are pleased to share that Vitolo & Associates joined Smolin on June 3, marking a natural alignment between two firms committed to exceptional client service.

Vitolo & Associates brings strong tax expertise and a well-established CAAS practice, spanning accounting, bookkeeping, advisory, and controllership support. Clients will continue working with their trusted professionals, now supported by expanded resources, enhanced technology, and broader services.

Please join us in welcoming:

- Michael Vitolo, CPA, Member of the Firm
- Michael Vincent, CPA, Tax Manager
- Rachel Baldino, CAAS Bookkeeper
- Shelley Carlock, CPA, CAAS Senior Accountant
- Daisy Haffner, CAAS Bookkeeper
- Carla Oliveira, CAAS Bookkeeper

Have tax questions?

We have Answers.



COMPANIES THAT CARE

We are proud to be recognized at the Commerce and Industry Association of New Jersey's 11th Annual Companies That Care Awards. This honor reflects our ongoing commitment to supporting and giving back to the communities we serve.

Insights & Updates



Business Succession Planning

Our CEO, Paul Fried, was featured in New Jersey Business Magazine, sharing insights on why successful business succession takes years of planning. He emphasizes the importance of preparation, strategy, and timing for long-term success.

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Rethinking the CFO Role

Fractional CFO services are gaining momentum, with Smolin helping lead the conversation. In NJBIZ, Chris Barchetto, Lori Kudish, and Shannon Mosier share how this approach delivers real-time insights, stronger cash flow visibility, and strategic guidance without the cost of a full-time hire.

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AI and the Accounting Industry

AI is reshaping the rules of hiring, and Smolin is part of the conversation. Our insight appears in the May issue of COMMERCE Magazine, alongside other NJ leaders exploring how AI will redefine the workforce of tomorrow.

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FOLLOW THE MONEY

BEYOND THE BALANCE SHEET: Tracing True Value in Shareholder and Partnership Battles

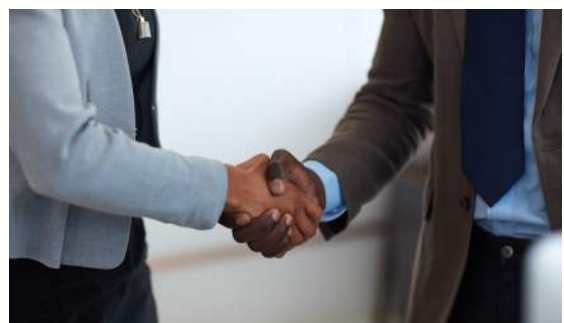
Article Series by Charles "CJ" Pulcine



Beyond the Balance Sheet: Tracing True Value in Shareholder and Partnership Battles

Understanding a company's true value goes beyond the balance sheet, especially in shareholder and partnership disputes. In this latest Follow the Money article by [CJ Pulcine, CPA/CFE](#), breaks down how hidden transactions, suppressed earnings, and related-party activity can distort financial reality, and how forensic accounting helps uncover the full economic picture to support fair outcomes.

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Service Spotlight




NJ Health Care Service Firms: Stay Compliant for the **October 1** Deadline

The October 1 deadline is fast approaching for NJ Health Care Service Firms, and the risks of noncompliance are significant. New Jersey health care service firms face a major compliance shift in 2026: registration renewals must now include annual financial statements, and for some firms, audits, or additional reports as well.

Our latest article breaks down:

- What's required
- Who needs additional reporting
- How to avoid last-minute issues

 The September 30 renewal deadline will arrive quickly, and preparation now can prevent delays later.

 [Learn More:](#)



NJ HCSF RENEWAL:

Is your HCSF financial statement ready for October 1?

Don't risk ⚠️ \$500/day penalty.

Smolin in Action



Next Starts Now at the NJCPA Convention

Smolin staff had an extraordinary experience at this year's NJCPA Convention, filled with meaningful connections and a shared celebration of the accounting profession. With this year's theme, "Next Starts Now," the event emphasized the energy and innovation driving the future of our industry.

A highlight of the event was our partner, John Szczomak passing the torch as President of the NJCPA. His leadership and dedication have made a lasting impact on the profession and our broader community.



The Florida Bar Convention in Orlando!

Members of our Forensic and Valuation Services team recently attended the Florida Bar Annual Convention in Orlando, where they connected with legal professionals, shared insights, and stayed ahead of emerging trends impacting the legal and financial landscape.



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NJCPA Accelerating Scholars



Great to be part of the NJCPA's Accelerating Scholars in Accounting Program and stand alongside so many outstanding firms across the profession.

Proud to support the next generation of accounting professionals.

NJSBA Annual Convention

Smolin was proud to exhibit and sponsor at the NJSBA Annual Meeting in Atlantic City. Connecting with so many members of the legal community and standing alongside incredible professionals throughout the week.



Celebrations



Showcasing Connection and Team Spirit at Smolin's Annual Picnic

Smolin's Annual Picnic brought together great food, laughter, and strong team spirit. It was especially meaningful to connect as one firm, with colleagues from our Juno Beach and Plantation offices traveling north to join the celebration at Forest Lodge.

The day also included a State of the Firm update from CEO, Paul Fried, a warm welcome to new team members, and a special recognition of Denise Klika as we celebrated her retirement.



Happy Retirement, Denise Klika!

Congratulations to Denise Klika on her retirement after 20 years with Smolin. We thank her for her dedication and wish her all the best in the years ahead.

Recognition



NJ Top Workplace 2026 Winner

Smolin is proud to be named a 2026 NJ Top Workplace, a recognition driven by employee feedback across key areas including leadership, culture, career growth, and benefits. This honor reflects our continued commitment to fostering a supportive, engaging workplace where our people can thrive.

Read more [here](#).



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