

# **Shawn Kelso**

**CPA, CA, Director of Professional Standards at Welch LLP**

Ottawa, ON, CA

Leading Welch's Quality Control Directives and Professional Standards.

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## **Biography**

Shawn Kelso began working with Welch LLP in 1993. He completed a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) from the University of Ottawa, earned his CA designation in 1996 and became a Partner in 2008. In 2005, Shawn was appointed Director of Professional Standards and is responsible for the compliance with Quality Assurance policy in all 12 of Welch's offices. He is also responsible for ensuring all Quality Control directives, as set by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants (CICA), are upheld on audit files as well as recommending and enforcing Welch's internal quality assurance policies and procedures. In addition, Shawn provides training to all offices on a regular basis and on a wide variety of topics. Shawn has conducted Practice Inspections on behalf of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario (ICAO). He is also an instructor for the ICAO and the CICA and has presented the Accounting, Auditing and Professional Practice Update across Ontario. While Shawn worked in the private sector, he developed expertise in pricing, financial controls and strategic planning. His role included the design and implementation of accounting policies and internal control procedures. In addition to his duties as Director of Professional Standards, Shawn also provides audit, accounting and business advisory services to private sector owner-managed businesses and not-for-profit organizations.

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## **Availability**

Keynote, Moderator, Panelist, Workshop, Host/MC, Corporate Training

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## **Industry Expertise**

Accounting, IT Services/Consulting, Telecommunications, Professional Training and Coaching, Non-Profit/Charitable, Business Services

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Financial Controls, Accounting Policies and Procedures, Internal Control Procedures, Accounting, Auditing, Professional Accounting Standards

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## **Affiliations**

Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario

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## **Sample Talks**

### **Canadian Accounting Standards for Private Enterprises**

New accounting standards for Canadian private companies were recently introduced. This course provides an overview of the new standards and how they differ from the previous standards.

### **New Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profits**

New accounting standards for Canadian not-for-profit organizations were recently introduced. This course provides an overview of the new standards and how they differ from the previous standards.

### **Reports Issued by Public Accountants**

Canadian accounting and audit standards have undergone significant changes in recent years and these changes have had a significant impact on the reports issued by public accountants. This course will provide insights on the impact of these changes including a review of examples of certain assurance reports.

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## **Event Appearances**

### **Teaching Course: Accounting Standards for Private Enterprises (ASPE) ? A Comparison to Existing Accounting Standards**

Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario (ICAO) course

### **Teaching Course: Accounting, Auditing and Professional Practice Update**

Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario (ICAO) course

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## **Education**

### **University of Ottawa / Université d'Ottawa**

Bachelor of Commerce Accounting

### **Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants**

CA

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## **Accomplishments**

### **Director of Professional Standards - Welch LLP**

Welch LLP is a Chartered Professional Accounting firm that provides a full range of accounting, assurance, tax, advisory and specialty services. Welch was founded in 1918 and has over 270 staff spread among 12 offices in Eastern Ontario, Toronto and Quebec. Welch offers private enterprises, government and not-for-profit organizations industry specific services and knowledge with a relationship-driven approach to client service. Visit [welchllp.com](http://welchllp.com) for more information

**Coach: Ottawa Internationals Soccer Club's Development Soccer Program**

The DSP's goal is to provide children in the Ottawa area with a progressive, six-year program that will develop a broad base of soccer skills in each child so that successful graduates will be capable of competing at high levels of soccer, as youth and as adults.

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