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Hanny Akl leads the Firm's Transaction Advisory Services practice, which focuses both on buy-side and sell-side transactions along with advising owners on creating value within their businesses. He is an active member (and former learning coordinator) of the Firm's Technology and Life Sciences Client Service Group where he is the Firm's expert on software revenue recognition and other technical topics. Hanny supports clients in all phases of their business and transaction life cycles. He works with a wide variety of clients, including private equity, closely held and public companies. His industry experience is focused on software and technology-enabled companies, telecommunications, retail and distribution businesses, and real estate. Before Warren Averett, Hanny was the President and CEO of a real estate business where he positioned the company for a successful acquisition. Hanny began his career in the audit practice of Ernst & Young. He received his bachelor's degree in accounting at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, graduating Summa Cum Laude, and has a Master of Accounting degree from the University of Virginia. He resides in Birmingham with his wife and three kids and enjoys sports, the outdoors and traveling.

INTENSE CLIENT FOCUS

Designations and Certifications

Certified Public Accountant
Certified Fraud Examiner
Certified Exit Planning Advisor
Certified Value Growth Advisor

Areas of Special Emphasis

Strategic Facilitation, Litigation Support, Mergers and Acquisitions Advisory, Accounting Advisory Services, External Audits, Review Assurance Services, SEC and IFRS Financial Reporting, Specialized Audits, CFO Outsourcing, Government Contractors, Government, Life Science & Technology, Professional Services, Real Estate, Risk Management, Forensic Services, Internal Auditing, Internal Control Examinations, Sarbanes-Oxley Compliance

Education

Bachelor of Science in Accounting,
University of Alabama at Birmingham
Master of Accounting
University of Virginia

Professional Affiliations

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Alabama Society of Certified Public Accountants
- Association of Certified Fraud Examiners
- Birmingham Venture Club
- Birmingham Business Journal's Top 40 Under 40, 2019
- Association for Corporate Growth
- Alliance of Merger and Acquisition Advisors
- Midmarket Alliance, Education Steering Committee Member
- Exit Planning Institute

Community Involvement

- Junior Diabetes Foundation, Board Member
- Mentor at the Velocity Accelerator of the Innovation Depot

Ask Me About

- How to create a strategy for growth and success of your business
- Why internal controls and process improvements can take your company to another level
- The three "P's" (passion, people and perseverance)