James (Jay) R. Cox, C.P.A.

Jay is currently Chief Financial Officer of Gulf Distributing Holdings, LLC (GDH). GDH’s primary business is the wholesale distribution of beverages. He has been with GDH since 2009 and has been involved with numerous mergers and acquisitions during his career which have given him experience in a number of different industries.

Jay graduated from Auburn University with a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree, both in Accounting. Immediately upon graduation, he began work with the accounting firm of Dudley, Ruland & Chateau. His public accounting career grew until he became a partner with the firm, eventually named Dudley, Chateau & Cox. In 2009, he sold his interest in the firm and began his career at GDH. Part of his responsibility at GDH is the oversight of their Insurance program. The company operates over 250 tractor-trailers and 7 warehouses across Alabama, parts of Mississippi and the panhandle of Florida while employing approximately 1,100.

A native of Mobile, Alabama, Jay has been married to his wife Nicky (also a Mobile native) for 27 years. He enjoys golf, hunting and fishing, none of which he does much of (nor will) because, in addition to two rescue animals, they have three daughters who participate in enough activities to keep them busy full-time when not working. He serves on several boards and sits on the Finance Council for Corpus Christi Parish where his daughters graduated.