

# OUTLOOK FOR 2023

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## Share Your Thoughts

I'd love to hear your feedback and answer your questions. Drop me a note at [jray@tx.cpa](mailto:jray@tx.cpa) or connect with me on LinkedIn at [linkedin.com/in/jodiannlafreniereray/](https://www.linkedin.com/in/jodiannlafreniereray/).

Happy New Year! As the pace of change continues to accelerate, the days, weeks, months and years seem to pass more quickly. We hope you had a healthy and prosperous 2022 and we look forward to helping you achieve even more success in 2023!

In this issue of *Today's CPA*, you can read about the evolving workforce and the effect on professional services, how geopolitical tensions are putting pressure on auditors and regulators, and the 88th session of the Texas Legislature.

The CPA pipeline is our top priority this legislative session. One way to help the pipeline legislatively is to allow students and candidates to begin taking the CPA Exam after completing 120 hours, rather than the current requirement of finishing 150 semester hours before testing. As of this writing, Senate Bill 159 and House Bill 797 are bills TXCPA is supporting to allow CPA Exam testing after 120 semester hours.

TXCPA is here to support you and connect you to the resources you need. We encourage you to reach out if we can help you in any way. Thank you for trusting TXCPA to be your professional community and best wishes as you venture into the new year!