

# Clint J. Bentz

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## **INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE**

Ambassador Financial Services  
Mt. Angel Abbey & Seminary  
Boldt Carlisle Smith, LLC  
Clint Bentz Consulting, LLC  
Blue Den Ranch, LLC

## **DESIGNATIONS & LICENSES**

CPA (Certified Public Accountant)  
CMA (Certified Management Accountant)  
MWM (Master Woodlands Manager)

## **EDUCATION**

B.S. Business Administration — Franciscan  
University of Steubenville, OH

## **Biography**

With a rich background as a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Management Accountant, Clint spent 30 years at a leading CPA firm in Oregon before retiring in 2018 to found Clint Bentz Consulting LLC, a national firm dedicated to providing education and consulting on estate and succession planning for family-owned enterprises. Clint is a prolific writer and teacher, regularly sharing his insights and teaching other professionals about the intricacies of business succession and estate planning, philanthropy, timber taxation, and trust and estate taxation. Throughout his career, Clint has progressed from a corporate controller to a planned giving officer, to a partner and director of the trust and estate group at Boldt Carlisle Smith. With extensive experience he now helps family-owned businesses, farms, ranches, and timberlands to successfully transfer to the next generation. Clint's blend of practical experience and dedication to education makes him a valued resource.

## **Professional Expertise and Industry Impact**

Clint Bentz has made a significant impact in forestry, philanthropy, and estate planning. As a former chair of the American Forest Foundation and the American Tree Farm System, he published the award-winning succession planning curriculum, "Ties to the Land: Your Family Forest Heritage," with the OSU Extension Service and the OSU Austin Family Business Program. Clint contributed to rewriting Oregon's estate tax statute in 2011 and property tax programs for small woodland owners in 2003. He has held leadership roles in several national charitable organizations and helped clients achieve their philanthropic goals.

As the manager of Blue Den Ranch, LLC, a 700-acre family-owned timber and recreational property in Oregon, Clint is developing a small distillery using locally sourced ingredients.

In financial services, Clint has demonstrated expertise in accountancy, philanthropy, and family business consulting. His leadership at Boldt Carlisle Smith and founding of Clint Bentz Consulting LLC highlight his success and dedication to family businesses. Clint's educational initiatives and public speaking engagements underscore his commitment to industry improvement and superior client service.