



Michael Block- *Senior Director, BBK Chicago*

Mike has over 30 years of hospitality experience and has worked in virtually all areas of hospitality operations, finance, asset management and brokerage. He has served numerous times as a hotel Receiver, worked as an expert witness and litigation support consultant, and has brokered hospitality transactions in excess of \$100M. He brings to BBK his expertise in turning around distressed and underperforming hotel assets as quickly as possible.

Throughout his career, Mike specialized in property management, asset management, hotel operations and accounting. He has worked with numerous hotel chains including Sheraton, Hilton, Marriott, Ramada, and Choice Hotels.

Background

- Accounting
- Hospitality
- Real Estate

Professional Experience

Prior to BBK, Mike worked at Hospitality Ventures and WLM (which he founded and owned) and Sage Hospitality. As Corporate Controller of Sage Hospitality, Mike directed all of the financial and accounting activities for the parent company, its subsidiaries and hotels.

At AIRCOA, one of the largest hotel companies in the nation, Mike directed the organization's first international hotel development and served in a variety of positions including Manager of Hotel Development, Assistant Corporate and Regional Controller, and Internal Auditor.

Mike's additional experience includes General Manager of hotels during the takeover of new management contracts. He directed internal audit programs, coordinated year-end tax reports for corporate partnerships, established centralized accounting and budgets for hotels, secured foreign financing commitments, developed computerized management information systems, and hired and trained controllers for property level hotel operations.

Mike was also employed by Pannell, Kerr, Forster and Company in New York where he conducted financial audits as a CPA.

Education and Certifications

- Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Economics, State University of New York
- Certified Public Accountant
- Colorado Real Estate Broker
- Certified Hospitality Account Executive

Affiliations and Memberships

- International Association of Hospitality Accountants