

Leland J. Nelson, MBA

Leland Nelson is an experienced business advisor, offering his guidance to over 150 small businesses across PA, DE, NJ, GA, NC, NY, and beyond. In addition to his advisory roles, he holds leadership positions, including serving as the President of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Central PA, a founding member of the Greater Harrisburg Chapter of the National Black MBA, and an advisory board member at Delaware State University's College of Business, Penn State University, and Central Penn College.

As a diverse entrepreneur, Leland has ventured into various business sectors, such as home restoration, private label clothing, and event promotion. Currently, he leads Dirty Dog Hauling, a respected junk removal company, and Think Tank Consulting, specializing in robotic process automation and IT Staffing.

Leland's academic journey commenced with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Delaware State University, where he initiated his first business, C.M.B. Photography. This endeavor expanded into a network of student-operated services, catering to institutions like Lincoln University, Wesley College, University of Delaware, Cheyney, and Hampton University. In 2017, he pursued further education, earning his MBA from Penn State University, concurrently serving as the inaugural graduate advisor for the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

Beginning his career as an accountant at KPMG, LLP, a prominent Big 4 advisory and tax firm in Harrisburg, Leland progressed to the position of Supervising Senior Accountant. Throughout his tenure, he contributed his expertise to engagements with renowned companies such as Rite Aid Corporation, York International, Hershey Creamery, ShopVac, Caterpillar, and Swatch Watch.

Beyond his professional endeavors, Leland derives fulfillment from coaching the Harrisburg Cougars Wrestling Club since 2008, demonstrating his dedication to mentorship and community involvement.