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Bachelor of Science  
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Ken Conner has over 30 years of experience in the financial aspects of the healthcare industry.

Leading Decosimo's healthcare practice, Ken coordinates assurance, tax, due diligence compliance and valuation activities involving healthcare clients. He provides clients with objective and practical financial advice. Healthcare clients take advantage of Ken's experience in preparing forecasts, advising mergers, acquisitions and divestitures. Clients benefit from his knowledge of facilitating problem resolutions within joint ventures and from his ability to arrange financing for established entities and startup companies alike.

Before joining Decosimo in 1997, Ken served as the Chief Financial Officer of Erlanger Medical Center, a large tertiary facility based in Chattanooga. During his 12 years as CFO, Ken was involved in the issuance of \$400 million in tax-exempt debt, including variable rate demand bonds and inverse floaters, as well as more traditional forms of tax-exempt debt. He oversaw the growth of managed care from its infancy and has been involved with strategic planning and re-engineering efforts. Ken worked closely with the State of Tennessee and other hospitals on the Medicaid program and its transition to the new TennCare program.

A graduate of the University of Alabama with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting, he was awarded Certified Public Accountant designation in 1979. He currently participates on the Culverhouse School of Accountancy Professional Advisory Board, serves on the board of Hospice of Chattanooga and is a member of the Chattanooga Downtown Rotary Club.