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Although ideal in theory, it is a rarity when someone takes two passions in their life and melds them together to create their professional existence. It is even rarer when that same person takes the next step and reaches the pinnacle of their industry. An avid racing enthusiast his entire life and a CPA by trade, Kevin Savoree has progressively increased his involvement in the sport he loves throughout his working life. In December 2002, he made the ultimate professional commitment when he joined forces with Michael Andretti and Kim Green to form Andretti Green Racing. In 2004, he was rewarded for the endless hours and years of learning with a championship in the Indy Racing League® IndyCar® Series.

Having earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business from Eastern Illinois University in 1981, Savoree started his career as an accounting intern at Larsson, Woodyard & Henson (LWH) that year. He was admitted as partner to the firm in 1987.

Savoree's clients at LWH included such notable racing professionals as Indianapolis 500 winner Jacques Villeneuve, Alessandro Zanardi, Dario Franchitti, Greg Moore and Helio Castroneves. Concurrent with his time at the firm, Savoree served as treasurer and a member of the Board of Directors of Team Green from 1994 through 2002. In 1997, he rose to the level of Vice President of Finance for Team Green and held that position until the sale of the team's assets in 2002, which launched Andretti Green Racing.

During Andretti Green's two years of operation, the company has set industry benchmarks – not only on the race track, but also in the area of sponsorship acquisition and activation. Driven largely by Savoree, the team has expanded to a four-car operation and boasts a deep and diverse nucleus of corporate backing at a time when sponsorship dollars are more valued than ever. In July 2004, Savoree teamed-up once again with Andretti and Green, this time in a joint venture with Barry Green to form Andretti Green Promotions, which will promote the Indy Racing League's first non-oval race on a temporary street circuit in St. Petersburg, Florida.

A committed family man, Savoree spends as much time as his busy schedule will permit with his wife, Pam, and his sons, Nathan and Nicholas. He enjoys participating in such family activities as model building, bike riding, reading and movie watching, as well as being involved in sports activities like soccer, baseball, basketball and football. Savoree, who resides in Indianapolis, remains a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Illinois CPA Society.