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Make these particular women standouts among the standouts.

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When I interviewed at Deloitte, my first accounting job after finishing school, I met with a woman who was a manager in the firm. She told me that what she really wanted to do as a child was be a major league baseball player, but since having a woman in that role was likely never going to happen in her lifetime, she decided on accounting because she was good with numbers. She didn't get to play baseball, but she still got to play on the boys' team. Accounting was a man's profession then, and, many will argue, still is.

I've lost count of how many conversations I've had with people who are trying to change attitudes toward women from within accounting firms. People who are looking for more tolerance, work/life blend, equalized pay, better opportunities for

advancement – the list is long. What strikes me about these conversations is that

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learning, engaging, providing the best services, and being recognized as a leader in the profession?

This month we honor the women who are standing out among us, the Most Powerful Women in the Accounting Profession, and, while we could argue that the women who stand out in this profession are everywhere and too numerous to count, even though we're in the business of counting, there are certain characteristics that make these particular women standouts among the standouts.

You'll see, for example, women who have forged new territory and created jobs and roles where none previously existed, women who are leading the charge in directions never before pursued, women who spend their nights and weekends on planes and in hotel rooms so they can speak and be heard, women who tirelessly commit themselves to causes and challenges and dreams so that the accounting profession and those it touches will be better for their efforts.

The leadership, expertise, experience, humanity, charisma, creativity, and power of this group is exceptional and overwhelming, and I for one can't wait to see what the future holds for all of us as a result of these women being among us.

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