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#### MACPA Names Its 2016 "Women to Watch"

The Maryland Association of CPAs recently recognized Amy Richardson, CPA and Elizabeth Gantnier, CPA, CGMA as the 2016 "Women to Watch" Emerging Leader and Experienced Leader, respectively. The MACPA's annual "Women to Watch" awards highlight the accomplishments of Maryland women in the CPA profession and aim to initiate conversations about diversity and inclusion. Richardson is an assurance supervisor in RSM US' Baltimore office, who recruits, trains and mentors future RSM leaders. She is also active in her community.

Gantnier is the practice partner for Dixon Hughes Goodman's mid-Atlantic region. She has more than 30 years of experience, serving in a variety of roles at the AICPA, Fortune 500 companies and state CPA societies. Gantnier is also the immediate past chair of the Maryland Board of Public Accountancy and volunteers on several committees for the AICPA, the Center for Audit Quality and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board.

## **Rehmann Names New Managing Principal**

Rehmann recently appointed Ryan Krause, CPA as the new managing principal for its southeast region. In his new role, Krause will oversee the region's growth and profitability. He has nearly 20 years of audit and assurance experience serving clients in a variety of industries. Krause also serves on several of the firm's executive committees, most recently as the department head for the region's audit and assurance practice. He graduated from Oakland University with his bachelor's degree in accounting.

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## **Emerging Leader:**

Jeanie I. Gorlovsky-Schepp, CPA, manager at AAFCPAs Laura J. Gregoriadis, CPA, principal at DiCicco, Gulman & Company Jessica Platt, CPA, MST, principal at CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP

#### **CPA Consultants' Alliance Announces New Member**

The CPA Consultants' Alliance recently added Jeff Phillips to its working group of thought leaders focused on driving change and enhancing value for the accounting profession. Phillips is the CEO of Accountingfly and has previously worked with companies such as Monster.com, Snagajob and American Express on recruiting, content strategy and business development.

# Mueller Prost CPA Named 2016 Young Professional by Missouri Society of Certified Public Accountants

Mueller Prost CPAs + Business Advisors recently announced that Tim O'Neill, CPA, senior staff accountant, has been named the 2016 Young Professional by the Missouri Society of CPAs for his efforts both in the accounting profession and in his community. O'Neill implemented a Young Professionals Group at Mueller Prost and is now chairing the firm-wide group, where he helps coach young employees to give them the confidence they need to succeed in both the firm and industry. He was also a Mueller Prost team captain for Step-Up for Down Syndrome and serves as a committee member for World Pediatric Project's Rock N Heal event. O'Neill volunteers for Volunteer Lawyers and Accountants for the Arts.

## WeiserMazars LLP Announces Leadership Changes

WeiserMazars LLP recently announced the following leadership changes: Michael Coletti, CPA as the Office Managing Partner in New Jersey; Craig Fine as the Office Managing Partner in Long Island; Charles Abraham, CPA as the leader of the

Financial Services Group in New York; and Kirk Eldridge as the Office Managing

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industry experts focused on manufacturers and distribution business in the New York metro area. He is also a frequent speaker at industry events and local colleges.

Abraham will take over the Financial Services Group, where he will focus on the strategic plans for the group. Abraham's expertise includes auditing investment companies, investment advisors and broker-dealers. He currently serves as the chair of the NYSSCPA SEC committee and has led the Asset Management sub-sector of the Financial Services Group, as well as other industry seminars, firm initiatives and training programs.

Eldridge has more than 30 years' experience providing accounting, auditing and tax preparation and planning services to a variety of businesses. He has led several initiatives and programs at WeiserMazars and his previous firm. Eldridge has also been instrumental in growing WeiserMazars' Pennsylvania office through crossteam collaboration, mentoring and creating a culture of accountability around client satisfaction. Eldridge has held board seats at several local charities and organizations.

# **CohnReznick Announces New Appointments**

CohnReznick LLP recently announced the addition of Cheryl Watson, CPA to its Financial Services Industry Practice and the appointments of Russell Phillips, CPA to office managing partner of its Boston office and Rony Rodriguez, CPA as a tax partner in its Los Angeles office. Watson has more than 20 years of diversified public accounting experience providing audit, tax and consulting services to private equity funds, private equity fund of funds, venture capital funds and investment advisors. Her expertise includes leveraged buyouts, venture capital, real estate, distressed investments, mezzanine capital and royalty opportunities. Watson graduated from Monmouth University with her Bachelor of Science in Accounting.

Phillips has more than 20 years of public accounting experience providing audit,

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partnerships consisting of hedge funds and private equity funds on operational, transactional and tax issues in the financial services industry. He received his Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles and his Master's in Taxation from the University of Southern California.

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