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because they do their jobs well. They are recognized for expertise, dedication...

Gail Perry • Oct. 20, 2016



Last month *CPA Practice Advisor* announced the 40 Under 40 in the accounting profession. This month we're announcing the Most Powerful Women in the accounting profession. In the spring, we name the top thought leaders in the profession. At *CPA Practice Advisor*, we like to recognize those who are making a difference and taking us all to new heights.



Recognition should not be taken lightly. Those who have been recognized by our

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profession better. I'd like to take a few minutes of your time to comment on some of the things we've learned from reading through the nominations.

- People often nominate themselves, and I believe they should be proud to do so. You know better than anyone what you have accomplished. We live in a society where sometimes people feel it's inappropriate to talk about their achievements for fear of being accused of bragging. You can state what you've done without belittling those around you, and you'll often find that people want to know and share in your accomplishments.
- We need our teams. It's clear from the information provided in the awards nominations that, while one person is being nominated for an award, that person is partially successful as a result of the others with whom he or she works. It's hard to go it alone, and having the chance to work with the right team can help make all of us better.
- There is always room to grow. Many of our nominees took several years or even decades to get to the point where they are candidates for a recognition award. Some of them have changed careers, some have gone back to school, many have moved up through the ranks at their companies, while others have started their own companies. "It's never too late to change and improve" seems to be a common theme amongst our award nominees.
- Standing alone does not make a legacy. Across the board our award nominees are sharing their skills and insights and accomplishments with those around them – their co-workers, their families, their communities, their professional peers. Our nominees are invested in improvement on all levels with all of the people they reach.

We hope you follow the commentary on [www.cpapracticeadvisor.com/awards](http://www.cpapracticeadvisor.com/awards)



where we interviewed our award winners. [Learn more about these people who are](#)

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