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Murphy is a professor emerita at DePaul University in Chicago where she has spent more than 40 years fostering future accounting professionals through formal

teaching, CPA Exam workshops, coaching, and mentoring. She proudly served as the

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Murphy remains an active member of the Illinois CPA Society, where she currently serves as a director on the CPA Endowment Fund of Illinois Board of Directors and has engaged in the nationally acclaimed Mary T. Washington Wylie Internship Preparation Program since its inception. Murphy is also a member of the American Accounting Association, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)—where she serves on the AICPA Council and AICPA FAR Content Subcommittee—and the Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting.

Prior to teaching at DePaul, Murphy was an instructor at the University of St. Francis in Joliet, Ill. Her previous work experience also includes positions at The Field Museum of Natural History, Internal Revenue Service, KPMG, and Marshall Field's. She earned a Ph.D. in accounting from the University of Kentucky and an MBA in finance and a bachelor's degree in accounting from DePaul University. She is a licensed Certified Public Accountant in Illinois.

Reflecting on Murphy's accomplishments, Illinois CPA Society President and CEO Todd Shapiro says: "Beth can look back on her more than 40-year career in academia and be proud of what she has accomplished. She has been instrumental in fostering future generations of accounting and finance professionals—particularly minorities and first-generation college students. She has made countless contributions to our diversity and future CPA initiatives. She has arguably mentored hundreds, if not thousands, of people throughout her life and has provided invaluable service to the countless boards, committees, and task forces she has dedicated her time to. Beth is truly known for forming lifelong connections and meaningful relationships with people, which she has certainly done with all of us."

“To receive this award is deeply meaningful to me—both in recognition of my

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