Tommye E. Barie, CPA, ***Executive Vice President of Leadership Development***

Tommye Barie is a recently retired partner of one of the 100 largest full-service accounting and consulting firms in the US. After more than thirty years as an audit and assurance partner, and as her last charge before retirement, she launched the Firm's Client Advisory Services practice. Tommye served on the firm's audit and assurance committee and the firm's FAST (forward and strategic thinking) committee.

Tommye has a proven track record of leadership and visioning with various organizations. Her thought leadership on culture, strategy and innovation led to Tommye being recognized as one of the 100 most influential people in the accounting profession, as published in Accounting Today. Additionally, the Michigan Society of CPAs recognized her with their Outstanding Visionary Award. She has also been named as one of the 25 Most Powerful Women in Accounting for several years.

Tommye drives results and collaboration through balanced inspirational and strategic leadership. She is engaging and influences diverse teams to peak performance with strong interpersonal skills and vision. She has a rare blend of strategic and tactical abilities to facilitate desired outcomes.

Tommye is among the most well-known and highly respected leaders in the accounting profession. During 2014-2015 she served as Chair of the Board of the American Institute of CPAs, an organization with more than 412,000 members at the time and a budget of approximately $200 million. Tommye was part of the leadership that initiated the Joint Venture between the AICPA and CIMA, creating the Association, which has become a 650,000+-member global organization with over a $300 million dollar budget. She also previously served as Chair of the Florida Institute of CPAs and currently serves on the Board of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy's Center for Public Trust which is an organization whose mission is to champion the public trust by advancing ethical leadership in business, institutions and organization.

Tommye has been actively involved in the international accounting profession. She represented the United States as a board member of the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) for two full terms – the max a Board member can serve. She Chaired the Audit Committee and the Governance Committee and also served as a member of the Human Resources/Compensation Committee. She is also on the board of CPA.com, chairs the Audit Committee and is a member of the Compensation Committee. Additionally, she serves as an Observer to Blue J's Board of Directors. Blue J is the pioneer in AI for tax research, consistently finding new ways to generate better tax answers.

Tommye has always placed importance on leveraging her leadership skills and experiences to influence the lives of young professionals. Throughout her career she has mentored and guided women and men in her own firm and in the many firms she has worked with throughout the United States. Additionally, she enjoys serving on the College of Business Advisory Board and the School of Accounting Board of Advisors for Stetson University.

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