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A WHO'S WHO

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For our inaugural Who's Who in Accounting, the Boston Business Journal profiles some of the area people who make up the profession. Pages 26-34.

Accounting principals

Douglas Farrington

Title: Partner-in-charge, Boston Office

Firm: Marcum LLP

Years with firm: 15

Age: 50

Education: Bachelor's in accounting, University of Bridgeport; master's in taxation, University of New Haven



**Douglas
Farrington**

Career highlight: The highlight of my career was when I was presented with the opportunity to head up the Boston office for Marcum. Boston is a great city and we have a great team here. The opportunity to be a key part of our growth and success in the marketplace was and continues to be a highlight for me.

The most important issue facing the accounting profession: There are a number of issues facing the profession today, including the regulatory environment and the economy. Everyone is looking for ways to do more with less. Become more efficient without sacrificing quality.

Best advice you were ever given: Work hard and don't worry about what others are doing or not doing around you. Focus on what you can control and be the best you can be at everything you do.

Advice you would give someone entering the profession today: I would give them the same advice that I was given above. It has served me well and I expect it would do the same for them.

school, complete the 150 hours requirement, and take (and hopefully pass) the CPA exam before you start your first job.

Barbara A. Gonsalves

Title: Partner

Firm: QRGA LLP, Norwood

Years with firm: 13-plus

Age: 46

Education: Bachelor's in accounting and management, Northeastern University; master's degree, Bentley University



**Barbara A.
Gonsalves**

Career highlight: Becoming a partner while working part-time. I have been involved in implementing changes at our firm that help with the work/life balance issues that working parents face.

The most important issue facing the accounting profession: The constantly changing standards - IFRS - the need to re-analyze little GAAP versus big GAAP.

Best advice you were ever given: Just keep on trying. Everyone makes mistakes. Learn from them and move on.

Advice you would give someone entering the profession today: Start building your network right away. Find a group that interests you and join it. Like everything else in life, the more you do it the more comfortable you will become at it.