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Jim Bechtel joined GBQ in 1984 and became a Partner in the Firm in 1991. During his 30 year career, Jim's primary focus has been serving privately held, middle-market clients in the service, manufacturing, distribution and construction industries. Jim provides professional services to a number of growing middle-market companies and has a significant amount of experience working with clients active with mergers and acquisitions. Jim also serves on the Firm's Executive Committee and as GBQ's liaison in the Firm's membership in the BDO Seidman Alliance.

A native of Central Ohio, Jim began his career in public accounting with a regional firm in Northeast Ohio after graduating from Miami University in 1980.

Jim is an active member of the Kiwanis Club of Columbus and is Treasurer of the Kiwanis Club of Columbus Foundation. Jim also is a member of the Scioto Country Club Finance Committee, a past Board Member of the Entrepreneurship Institute and a past Chairman of the Board of Directors of Westminster-Thurber Retirement Community.

Jim is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants.