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Darci Congrove Named Managing Director of Firm
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Columbus, OH, January 6, 2010: GBQ is pleased to announce Darci Congrove as the next Managing Director of the firm. Effective January 1, 2010, GBQ's longest-serving and much respected Managing Director, Wade Kozich will step aside and make way for new leadership to take the accounting and consulting firm into its sixth decade. Mr. Kozich will assume the title and role of Senior Director.

Congrove was elected to succeed Wade and will be GBQ's first female Managing Director. Only 2% of the top 100 firms in the nation have female Managing Directors. Darci has been with GBQ for 12 years, during which time she has served as a Tax Director and has also managed GBQ's human resource and marketing efforts. Her dedication, talent and experience are sure to serve GBQ well as she guides the firm in the face of a rapidly changing business environment. Darci is actively involved in the Columbus community, and serves in a leadership capacity with the Women's Fund of Central Ohio, the German Village Society, and the Conway Center for Family Business.

Mr. Kozich served as the firm's Managing Director for 14 years. During his tenure, the firm grew from 35 to 120 people and solidified its reputation as the largest independent accounting and consulting firm in Central Ohio. Kozich will focus his future efforts primarily on enhancing service to clients as well as, practice development.

"It has been a privilege to serve this firm for so many years. This has been a tremendous period in my career. It is time, though, and I am looking forward to a new chapter and spending more time with clients and helping grow the practice," said Kozich. "I was very pleased that Darci made the decision to consider the role of Managing Director. She has tremendous energy and intellect and is driven to succeed. The firm will certainly grow and prosper under her leadership."

"Under Wade's leadership the firm has flourished. He has contributed tremendously to the success of the firm and has been an exemplary leader," said Congrove. "I fully intend to help the firm keep its long-standing commitment to its core values, clients and associates."

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