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Mark, originally from Ohio's "North Coast," has lived and worked in Central Ohio since 1980. A graduate of Cleveland State University, Mark spent twelve years working for Price Waterhouse. He joined GBQ Partners LLC in 1992.

Mark's public accounting experience is very diverse. He has served clients in manufacturing, real estate development and management, financial services, retail, professional services organizations and non-profit organizations.

Mark serves as GBQ Partners LLC's Director of Tax Services. He has specialized in tax planning and consulting for middle market and entrepreneurial companies. Mark also has considerable experience in providing income and estate tax and financial planning services to high net worth individuals, including significant experience working with professional athletes.

In 2010, Mark has been named among Ohio's Most Influential CPAs, an award which recognizes CPAs who have had significant, positive influence on the growth and development of the CPA profession and the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Mark was elected Chair of The Accountancy Board of Ohio in 2010. Mark has also held several offices as a member of the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants (OSCPA), including Chair of the Board for the 2000-2001 fiscal year and Vice President of the OSCPAs Executive Committee (1996 – 1998). He also was the 1992 – 1993 President of the Columbus Chapter of the OSCPAs. He is also a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and serves as a member of the AICPA Council. Mark is currently the Chairman of the Board for 535 Metro LLC, a for-profit affiliate of the OSCPAs. He currently holds the position of Vice Chairman of the OSCPAs Political Action Committee. In addition, he is involved in several community organizations, including serving as Treasurer of the Keep Ohio Competitive Campaign and the Ohio Reads Foundation. From 2000 – 2006, Mark was a member of the Cultural Arts Facilities Commission (appointed by Governor Bob Taft) serving as Secretary from 2004 – 2006. In February 2006, Mark was appointed (again by Governor Bob Taft) to the Accountancy Board of Ohio for a six-year term. He has also served as the campaign Treasurer for Bob Taft's successful election to Governor of the State of Ohio in 2002 and 1998 and his successful election to Secretary of State in 1994. Mark has also served as treasurer for several Ohio Supreme Court Justice's campaigns and several Ohio statewide ballot issues.

Mark also serves as Vice-Chair of the Board of Governors for the Capital Club in Columbus, Ohio. Mark is a member of the Development Board of Nationwide Children's Hospital of Columbus and the Columbus Ohio Golf Advisory Board.