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Chief consultant

Geri A. Gregor has joined Grassi & Co., CPAs in Lake Success as a partner. Gregor, who became the first female partner in the firm's history, will lead Grassi Consulting, the business consulting, litigation support and forensic accounting arm of the practice.

A former chief financial officer at Lynbrook-based Doar Litigation Consulting, Gregor has, in two decades of working in private accounting, acquired expertise in many of the consulting services Grassi offers. The company is looking to Gregor to help it grow its consulting business, expanding offerings such as CFO advisory services and litigation support. Gregor plans to lend her expertise in creating internal control structures and helping companies grow through acquisition by performing due diligence.

Gregor has also begun developing a women's leadership initiative within the firm. "The program will focus on giving women the tools and training to get to the next level," she said. "We will explore programs that are inclusive of work-life balance to attract and retain women."

Having a female partner in place is an important part of the initiative, Gregor said, because it provides a role model to demonstrate to female professionals that advancement is possible.

— BERNADETTE STARZEE

NAME: **GERI A. GREGOR**

TITLE: **PARTNER**

ORGANIZATION: **GRASSI & CO., CPAs**

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