



Two TR leaders recognized as Influential by Accounting Today



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Accounting Today announced 'The Top 100 Most Influential People in Accounting' list for 2023 and two TR leaders were included. Elizabeth Beastrom, for the second year in a row, was included in the Top 100 list. Ray Grove was included in the "ones to watch 2023" list. See their listings at right and below.

This year's list focused especially on attacking the accounting profession's biggest challenge – supporting and boosting up the next generation of future talent. According to Accounting Today, "Right now, the thought leaders and agents of change on our list of Top 100 People are those essential storytellers, pushing the profession forward during a time of unprecedented change."

Congratulations to Elizabeth and Ray!



Elizabeth Beastrom

**President, tax
and accounting
professionals,**

Thomson Reuters

A CPA, Beastrom has
a keen interest in the

success of the profession, and has brought this mindset to bear in her role, where she has driven Thomson Reuters' development of solutions that automate manual tasks and provide trenchant data insights. She has also been a passionate advocate for women in accounting.

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Ray Grove

The 2023 Ones to Watch

It would be too much to hope that there would be only and exactly 100 influential people in accounting — which means our editors have to make some difficult choices every year. At the same time, each year a new batch of candidates pops up on our radar, people who have taken on roles of greater prominence or who have emerged as representatives of timely issues. To bring them to your attention, each year we add our gallery of “Ones to Watch” — people who we expect you’ll see much more of in the coming months and years.

This year, we’ll start with **Jason Girzadas**, who took the helm of the U.S. firm of Deloitte in June, succeeding Top 100 member Joe Ucuzoglu.

Three major organizations saw leadership changes this year: At the Institute of Management Accountants, **Mike DePrisco** took the helm from longtime president and CEO Jeff Thomson in April, in the midst of a restructuring, while the International Federation of Accountants announced in November that Australian **Lee White** will succeed current CEO (and Top 100 member) Kevin Dancey next March. And at the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, in July, **John Warren** and **John Gill** were named president and CEO, respectively, succeeding previous president and CEO Bruce Dorris.

Next up is a cadre of veterans at the Association of

International Certified Professional Accountants: With the retirement of tax legend Ed Karl, **Melanie Lauridsen** is now serving as vice president of tax policy and advocacy, while **Eva Simpson** is vice president of tax practice and financial planning; meanwhile, vice president and global head of content and communications **Cheryl Wipper** and chief operating officer **Scott Spiegel** are playing major roles in running an organization that spans the globe and serves a far larger membership base than it did when many of these four first joined it.

On the technology front, artificial intelligence is on everyone’s mind, and every software vendor will tell you that they’re deep into it, but we wanted to single out two leaders who are making serious strides in the area: **Jin Chang**, CEO of risk assurance and advisory automation and collaboration tool provider FieldGuide, and **Justin Adams**, CEO of Aiwyn, a practice automation platform that leverages AI and automation to free accountants up to deliver more value to their clients. And another name we’ll mention in tech is Thomson Reuters’ **Ray Grove**, who has been more and more in the spotlight in his role as head of product for corporate tax and trade.

Finally, we’ll add **Doug Lewis**, a director at the Visionary Group — but you’ve probably already seen him at one of the countless conferences and events where he speaks, helping bridge the gap between the current leaders of the profession and the rising generation.

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