

**CLARE E. CELLA, CPA**  
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## **Qualifications**

Certified Public Accountant (licensed in the States of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut).

Member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants (NYSSCPA). Currently chairs the NYSSCPA Hospitality Committee, and formerly served on the Committee for Diversity of the Profession.

Member of the Board of Directors and Past President of the New York City Chapter of Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals (HFTP), as well as a member of its Long Island and Mid-Jersey chapters. Member of the American Hotel & Lodging Association (AH&LA).

Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting - Hofstra University, Long Island, NY.

## **Experience**

Ms. Cella has been associated with PKF for over 20 years, starting employment as an assistant accountant. She was elected a partner on January 1, 2002.

Her areas of expertise are accounting and auditing for hospitality, real estate and general commercial clients.

She has trained, supervised and evaluated audit staff; prepared and reviewed financial statements, including consolidations, ascertaining compliance with generally accepted accounting principles or the income tax basis of accounting; and has reviewed and evaluated internal controls.

In addition to assisting clients with establishing job descriptions, Ms. Cella has also worked with ownership representatives of various hospitality properties in developing internal audit programs, assisting with their implementation and conducting internal audits. She has also provided accounting and consulting services to purchasers and sellers with respect to hotel and real estate sales, closing transactions and private placement offerings.

Ms. Cella is responsible for overseeing human resource matters and group benefits for the corporation, and is Chairman of PKF's Operating Committee which monitors its electronic workpaper system and document storage. She is also an instructor in PKF's in-house continuing professional education program.