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Professional Experience

- ▶ Ruth has over seventeen years of public accounting experience with Ernst & Young serving private and publicly held companies. Ruth was promoted to partner in 2005 and has served as coordinating partner on priority accounts for over five years.
- ▶ Ruth is an expert in advising her clients in the accounting for, and assistance with, major transactions including:
 - Global expansion
 - Mergers and acquisitions
 - Private and public offerings, including initial public offerings
 - Implementing new accounting regulations
 - Divestitures
 - Joint Ventures
 - SEC filings and comment letters
 - Derivative accounting and related issues
 - International accounting and statutory issues (U.K., Germany, Mexico, Italy, Poland, Canada, etc.)
- ▶ Representative clients include:
 - Peabody Energy
 - SAVVIS Communications
 - Enterprise Rent-A-Car
 - Brown Shoe Company
- ▶ Committed to entrepreneurship, Ruth is a key sponsor of Ernst & Young's nationally-recognized Entrepreneur of the Year (EOY) Program.
- ▶ Ruth has served in a variety of key leadership positions related to the mentoring and advancement of employees. A few of Ruth's roles include:
 - Inclusiveness Chair for the St. Louis Office responsible for sponsoring and coordinating local initiatives on gender and diversity, including recruitment, retention and advancement
 - Midwest Area Career Watch Steering Committee member responsible for implementing and monitoring the effectiveness of Ernst & Young's key talent retention and promotion initiatives
 - St. Louis Office Recruiting Lead in which she served as the key recruiting leader for the St. Louis office from 1999 to 2003
- ▶ Ruth is a CPA and a member of the AICPA and MSCPA

Personal Accomplishments

A graduate of Southeast Missouri State in 1990, Ruth currently serves on the advisory board for Southeast Missouri State and is a board member for the St. Louis Symphony.

Ruth has two children, Eliot, age 10, and Olivia, age 7.