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### Education

Xavier University

B.S., Business, Accounting

### Professional Associations

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- The Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants
- Cincinnati Estate Planning Council

Prior to joining GBQ in 2016, Steve was President and co-founder of Ernst & Rabe, Inc. Proudly, he has over four decades invested in his professional accounting career.

Throughout his career, Steve has immersed himself in providing private, professional tax, accounting and advisory services to individuals, businesses, trusts, estates and nonprofit organizations. Due to his extensive experience providing financial and consultative solutions for multiple entity types, Steve has earned a solid understanding and appreciation for what it takes to build a profitable company. Steve began his local career with The Baldwin Piano Company and J. D. Cloud & Company before co-founding Ernst and Rabe, Inc. in 1979 with Bill Ernst.

Steve has assisted clients with the transition of closely-held businesses between generations of ownership, acted as controller for start-up companies, facilitated the establishment of donor-advised funds for clients as part of their estate and income tax planning and charitable interests, established accounting methods that best suit clients' situations, cash, accrual, percentage of completion, completed, contract, and more. Having come full circle in his client's business cycle, Steve

is now focusing on the transition needs of owner's to sell or transfer their businesses.

Additionally, Steve is involved and serves on civic and charitable organizations such as the St. Xavier High School Finance Committee, volunteer at the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry (present), combined twenty-year Treasurer and Co-Treasurer of the Festival Committee at St. Mary Parish, four-year Board Member of the St. Ursula Villa Parents Organization serving three of those years as Treasurer, and founder and 31-year organizer of the Bogey Retreat. Blessed with three wonderful grandchildren, Steve is enjoying his time with them when not attending to his client's needs.