

News Release

GBQ Earns Top Honor From Better Business Bureau, Torch Award For Ethics

Columbus, OH, November 16, 2022: GBQ is proud to announce it has been awarded the <u>2022 Torch Award for Ethics</u> by the Better Business Bureau of Central Ohio (BBB). Having won in 2014, GBQ is the only two-time recipient of the BBB's most prestigious honor.

As a BBB Accredited Business, GBQ is proud to be among the BBB's community of like-minded organizations that have the opportunity to positively impact people and communities. The BBB Torch Awards for Ethics honors organizations whose leaders demonstrate a high level of personal character; ensure that the organization's practices meet the highest standards of ethics; and consequently, generate trust with its customers and the community. An independent, voluntary panel of judges comprised of business and community leaders evaluated entries outlining the character of the organization's leadership, how an authentic culture is being fostered, ways the company prioritizes its relationship with customers, and the impact the organization is making in their community.

"We are honored to contribute to the business community in a way that exemplifies integrity through the highest standard of ethics," shared GBQ Managing Director <u>Darci Congrove</u>. "Undoubtedly, this honor is a direct reflection of our team's commitment to upholding best business practices and exceptional standards while advancing our purpose of empowering growth of our people, our communities, and our clients' businesses. We are proud of the reputation we have established through maintaining an internal culture that aligns with our core values."

A total of seven winners were recognized from a group of 19 finalists at an awards ceremony on October 15^{th} at COSI in Columbus.

This year, GBQ was the proud recipient of several <u>accolades</u> recognizing our commitment to empowering growth: IPA Best of the Best Firm; IPA Top 100 Firm; *Columbus CEO* magazine Best Accounting Firm; Medical Mutual Pillar Award for Community Service; *Columbus Business First* Best Places to Work for the 16th consecutive year; *Ohio Business* magazine Best Workplaces in Ohio; *Cincinnati Business Courier* Best Places to Work; *Columbus Business First* Corporate Citizenship finalist; and America's Best Tax and Accounting Firm by *Forbes*.

About GBQ

At GBQ, our purpose is clear: we empower growth; growth of our people, our communities and our clients' businesses. A top tax, accounting and consulting firm for more than 68 years, we're driven by the outcomes that we know can change the lives of those we work with and for. We've learned that this is what matters most to our stakeholders. It is this purpose that drives and inspires us every day. It's why we exist. Visit GBQ online at www.gbq.com, become a fan on Facebook or follow us on Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram.

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