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## KATIE L. FERRIS, CPA

Tax Office Managing Partner

### EXPERIENCE

Katie Ferris is the Office Managing Partner of BDO's West Michigan tax practice (Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo). In this role, Katie manages roughly 100 tax professionals and is responsible for leading the tax practice in all areas, including setting strategic direction as well as managing operations.

Katie serves clients in multiple industries, including manufacturing, distribution, technology, telecommunications, and construction. Her primary focus has been on federal, state, and international tax planning, consulting, and compliance for closely held businesses and their owners.

Katie has significant experience with organizational structuring and planning to enhance tax efficiencies. She also assists clients with estate planning, accounting methods, mergers and acquisitions, and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) tax examination services.

Outside of BDO, Katie serves as treasurer on the board of the Mental Health Foundation of West Michigan and is involved in various other professional and community organizations in Western Michigan.

Katie has been recognized for her leadership and contributions to the West Michigan community by the *Grand Rapids Business Journal*, which has named her one of the 50 Most Influential Women in West Michigan, one of the Grand Rapids 200 Most Powerful Business Leaders in West Michigan, as well as a 40 Under 40 Business Leader.

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants  
Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants

### EDUCATION

M.S.A., Grand Valley State University  
B.B.A., Grand Valley State University

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Mental Health Foundation of West Michigan, Board Member and Treasurer

The Right Place, Board Member

Talent 2025, CEO Council Member

Literacy Center of West Michigan, Former Board Member and Treasurer