



Sara M. Dayton

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Sara was named Managing Partner in January 2023; she carries out the policies and objectives adopted by the Firm's executive committee. She oversees the management and profitability of the Firm and is responsible for implementing and monitoring actions to achieve the Firm's strategic and future vision. Sara also monitors developments in the accounting profession and business environment to determine relevance to the Firm and its market leadership position.

Prior to being named Managing Partner, Sara served as the leader of the Audit & Assurance department, responsible for oversight of our auditing practice and supervision of approximately 50 professionals. She has extensive experience serving our Governmental Services Niche in the areas of external and internal auditing, single audits, agreed-upon procedures, taxation, information returns, and financial reporting. She also performs quality reviews of governmental reports on engagements on which she does not have engagement responsibility. Sara's expertise includes leases, pension and other postemployment benefit reporting requirements, internal audits, single audits, and providing guidance to our clients on important compliance areas. She currently manages client expectations for many of our governmental clients, including public authorities, municipalities, school districts, and fire districts, and maintains continuing professional education requirements of *Government Auditing Standards*.

EDUCATION

State University of New York at Geneseo, Bachelor of Science, Accounting
Harvard Business School Executive Education, 2016, *Governing for Nonprofit Excellence*

PROFESSIONAL

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants, Public Schools Accounting Committee
Government Finance Officers' Association, Advisory Committee, WNY Chapter
New York State Association of Counties
Western New York Association of School Business Officials
Passed Series 7 and 66 securities exam – Financial Advisor*
Forbes, Top 200 CPAs Honoree, 2025
Buffalo Business First, Power 200 Woman, Power 250, 2023-current
Buffalo Business First, Women of Influence, 2023
Buffalo Business First, 40 Under 40 Judge, 2016-2019
Buffalo Business First, 40 Under 40 Honoree, 2015

COMMUNITY

Erie County SPCA, Vice-Chairperson, past Board President, past Board Treasurer
Cradle Beach Camp, Inc., past Board Member
Buffalo-Erie Marathon Association, Inc., Treasurer

**Sara Dayton is a financial advisor/registered representative offering securities through Avantax Investment ServicesSM, Member FINRA, SIPC and investment advisory services through Avantax Advisory ServicesSM.*