

WHO's WHO in Accounting

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Lisa Ricciardi is a partner at Armao, Costa & Ricciardi CPAs PC, a certified public accounting firm in Valley Stream.

Ricciardi provides accounting, taxation and financial statement preparation services as it pertains to businesses in various industries including construction contractors, manufacturers and professionals. She also offers consulting services to closely held companies in all financial aspects and provides wealth preservation services to the owners of such businesses.

The first step a company should take in creating a sustainable business is to build a reliable team of professionals to partner with, Ricciardi said. "Through business consulting and trustworthy relationships, business owners can ensure financial

stability and increase shareholder's wealth," she said.

Once you have your team in place, Ricciardi said, business owners should be able to rely on this team for guidance in financial matters and wealth management services.

"Too often business owners do not consult with their professionals before they take certain steps and then rely on them to repair

the damage," she noted.

With your team in place, Ricciardi also believes drive and determination are also characteristics any business owner should have when his or her desire is to create a sustainable business.



Ricciardi personally possessed these qualities while facing breast cancer four years ago. While taking chemotherapy, Ricciardi was simultaneously confronted with back surgery.

"I was able to get through it with the help of my partners, team, family and friends," she said.

Ricciardi is a frequent lecturer on the topics of accounting and auditing for construction contrac-

tors, labor unions and employee benefit plans, as well as asset protection, estate planning and business succession. She is a member of many professional organizations including the American Institute of CPAs, NYS Society of CPAs, Construction Financial Management Association, Professional Women in Construction and National Association of Women in Construction.

Ricciardi earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Hofstra University in Hempstead.

Armao, Costa & Ricciardi provides services in many areas including accounting & auditing, tax planning and preparation, financial and estate planning, consulting and advisory. Although the firm has experience with all business types, its specialties include construction contractors, labor unions & employee benefit plans, manufacturers & distributors, medical & other professionals, not for profit and retailers.

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