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One of Cincinnati's largest accounting firms adds two partners

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One of Greater Cincinnati's largest accounting firms has named two new partners.

Blue Ash-based Cassady Schiller CPAs and Advisors added Tricia Austing and Lydia Ritze as partners, giving the firm four women among its 11-member partner team.

The firm tied for seventh among Greater Cincinnati's largest accounting firms last year with 39 CPAs, according to the most recent *Courier* List. It's tied for the third-largest locally based accounting firm by that measure.

Austing is a CPA with more than 12 years of experience in public accounting. She joined Cassady Schiller in 2007. Austing works largely with corporations and partnerships and has expertise working with manufacturing, distribution and service industries. She also has worked with wealthy individuals, trust and estate issues, and gift taxation.

A graduate of Northern Kentucky University, Austing is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants (OSCPA), the Seton High School Board of Trustees and the NKU Accounting Advisory Board.

Ritze has 16-plus years of experience in public accounting. She joined Cassady Schiller two years ago. She works with clients on assurance services, adoption of significant new accounting pronouncements, initial public offerings, private placement bond offerings, acquisitions, debt modifications, restructuring activities and goodwill impairment.

Ritze graduated from Wake Forest University and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants (OSCPA).

"They are both extremely smart, innovative and lead with integrity," Cassady Schiller COO Heather Bucher said in a news release. "They bring a deep level of commitment and value to everything they do and work to make sure our clients and employees achieve greater success every day."

The promotions are the latest sign of growth for Cassady Schiller as it celebrates its 30th anniversary.

Its revenue rose 17% to \$10.8 million in 2018. That ranked it 306th nationally on Inside Public Accounting's listing of the top 400 accounting firms by revenue. The firm has averaged 10% organic growth on an annual basis.

That growth has come from several areas. Its wealth management practice has regularly increased assets under management by 30% or more per year over the last several years. It added a technology advisory practice last year, too.



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Cassady Schiller has named Lydia Ritze, left, and Tricia Austing as partners at the fast-growing accounting firm.

"Our family-oriented and results-driven culture allows us to attract top talent who continue to deliver exceptional service," Cassady Schiller managing partner Mike Clark said in the release. "We've been very fortunate these past 30 years and we look forward to continuing to make a difference in the community and helping our clients and employees achieve greater success."

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