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**American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants**

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**WOMAN CPA OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCED**

**DAYTON, OHIO** -- The American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants (AWSCPA) has announced that the Society's Woman CPA of the Year award was presented to Kristine ("Tina") Caratan, CPA at the organization's 2010 Joint National Conference in Nashville.

Caratan is currently an assurance partner with Moss Adams LLP. Caratan worked at Moss Adams early in her career, left to pursue other opportunities within public accounting, and returned to the San Francisco office in 2001. She specializes in the not-for-profit industry.

In addition to her work at Moss Adams, she has been actively involved in several professional and community organizations including the Metropolitan Club of San Francisco, Santa Clara University Alumni Board of Directors, Santa Clara University Accounting Department Advisory Board, the California State Board of Accountancy Qualifications Committee (chairing the committee for three years). Nationally, she represented first AWSCPA and then Moss Adams on the Beta Alpha Psi International Advisory Forum. She was chair of the Forum for two years. She is an honorary member of San Francisco State University's Beta Alpha Psi Beta Chi Chapter. In 2008, she was honored by her alma mater, Santa Clara University, as the Accounting Department's first women recipient of its "*Alumnus of the Year*" award. Also in 2008 she was named an inaugural recipient of the Women to Watch Established Leader category by the California Society of CPAs.

In the nomination for the honor, Caratan was cited for her “patience, persistence, thoughtfulness, inspiring leadership, and passion for mentoring others, in particular women, in the accounting profession”

AWSCPA, organized in 1933, is the only national organization committed to the development and advancement of women CPAs in the accounting profession. It provides:

- Resources and support for professional and personal development
- Opportunities for leadership participation, networking and mentoring
- Visibility and recognition for the organization and its members
- Leadership in addressing the concerns of women in the accounting profession.

If you would like additional information about AWSCPA, visit the website at [www.awscpa.org](http://www.awscpa.org), or contact the National Office at 800.AWSCPA1.

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