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## What's Your Role At GBQ & What Does A Typical Day Look Like?

I am a partner in our tax practice and co-lead our national restaurant practice. I also serve on GBQ's Executive Committee. Every day is different for me. I love the challenges and variety that each day brings. At the core, I serve our clients' tax compliance and consulting needs, but I also get involved in transactions, succession planning, and other financial advisory services. At the end of the day, I view my role to add value to my clients and our firm; however, I can do so each day. I truly love what I do and feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to serve our clients and be part of GBQ.

## What's one food you could eat every day and never get tired of?

For me, it's fruit. Almost any kind of fruit. It's not only something I like, but it's generally healthy and, more importantly, guilt-free to enjoy.

## Did you have prior work experience in a restaurant or hospitality business?

Yes, in college, I worked in the commissary washing dishes. I'll never forget one of the full-time employees who was training me said, "Let the water do the work." I never thought that would be a part of my college education that would stick with me till this day, but here I am sharing it. Additionally, I worked in the deli at the campus Kroger during my time at Ohio State.

## What's the best piece of advice you've ever been given?

Aside from "letting the water do the work" the best piece of advice I received was from my uncle. We were talking about something and he just turned to me and said "don't worry about that, you have your own field to plow." It was what I needed to hear when I needed to hear it. It really resonated with me to not worry about what you can't control or what other people are doing, just worry about yourself, what you can control and keep forging ahead.

## What's one part of your job you're especially proud of?

The part of my job I am most proud of is the people. Not just the people at GBQ, but our clients too. I am really fortunate and proud to work with quality people both as colleagues and as clients. The longer I do this the more I appreciate it.



## Rapid Fire Questions

**Cats or dogs?** Both, but right now we are a dog family.

**Sweet or savory?** Savory

**Favorite movie?** *Star Wars* franchise, not only do I like it, but my kids do too!

**Early riser or sleep-in?** Early riser

**Best season of the year?** Summer

**Beach or mountains?** Beach

**Appetizer or dessert?** Appetizer

**Pen & paper or digital notes?** Pen & paper

**Podcasts or music when driving?** Both