



Pictured from left to right: Tony P. Gillisse, CPA; Gretchen A. Kalk-Castro, CPA; Kylee J. Frazee Norman, CPA; Lisa N. Human, CPA; Angela G. Grothaus, CPA; CVA, Robert W. Lange, III, CPA

CLH, CPAs & Consultants Positions Firm for Growth

Two New Partners Lead Way for Advancement

by Carla Dempsey

A few years ago, CLH, CPAs & Consultants celebrated three decades in business, growing from a modest staff of three to a powerhouse accounting outfit that now offers a full suite of professional services.

CLH's growth to date has included expanding across Northwest Indiana with offices in Michigan City and Valparaiso, to a new branch in La Porte. The firm's staff has also grown to over 40 professionals, serving in roles including accountants, managers, directors, client advisors, and administrators. The team, many of whom are licensed CPAs, provides accounting services for businesses and individuals including tax preparation, consulting, valuations, and financial reporting.

At the helm are six partners, including the firm's most recently named senior management members, Angela Grothaus and Lisa Human, both named partner in the summer of 2025.

As the company approaches another milestone anniversary of 35 years, Grothaus' and Human's new partner roles are positioning the firm for even more growth.

DRIVING THE VALUE



Grothaus joined CLH in 2014, working alongside the firm's founder, John Craighead, in the business valuation service line. Grothaus took over the department, working as the firm's only Certified Valuation Analyst (CVA). She continued to build the department, adding another CVA, an editor, a researcher, and other crucial department members.

The addition of Grothaus as a partner to lead the business valuation team represents a strategic growth opportunity for the firm. Her goal is to lead and expand a team that continues to strengthen the department's ability to provide services like merger and acquisition planning, succession planning, and financial outlook and reporting.

The move positions CLH as a leader in the industry by opening up new revenue streams, expanding a broader client base, and developing deeper relationships with existing clients.

EMPOWERING THE FUTURE



Human also joined CLH in 2014, bringing with her experience in several accounting roles. As partner, she leads the firm's Client Accounting Solutions team. Human has been instrumental in revamping the program, which focuses on helping business clients create a strong accounting foundation. The service allows the CLH team to help clients take a deep dive into their financials, far beyond tasks like recording transactions and reconciling bank accounts. Clients receive professional support from a dedicated team to help them understand their finances, recognize the key trends driving their industries, and identify best practices to elevate their performance.

Human also leads CLH's staff development initiatives. Her passion for continuing education has inspired her to start a well-defined training plan for new employees and ongoing tools to help staff members continue their success and growth in the company.

Initiatives now include an intense training program, technical education series, and other continuing education programs. Training is provided weekly during off-peak seasons and monthly during tax season. Human's sharp focus on growing the department drives innovation, attracts talent, and continues to strengthen a rich culture within CLH.

LOOKING AHEAD

With expanded leadership with a sharp focus on key areas that pave the way for advancement, CLH is poised to become an even greater influence in the industry, for both existing clients and new prospects. ■

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