

Media Release

Vancouver CPAs honoured with Early Achievement Award

VANCOUVER, February 19, 2016 — Vancouver's **Saskia Muller, CPA, CGA** and **Selena Nisbet, CPA, CGA** from Galloway Botteselle & Co. were honoured with an Early Achievement Award by the Chartered Professional Accountants of British Columbia (CPABC). The award recognizes chartered professional accountants who distinguish themselves early in their CPA career through professional achievement and volunteer service, with an emphasis on professional accomplishment.

Saskia Muller, CPA, CGA obtained her CGA designation in 2009. She is now a managing partner with Galloway Botteselle & Co. and is the youngest female partner in the firm's history. Muller provides leadership to her firm and to the profession at large. At her firm, she was instrumental in developing a quarterly performance review process for staff, spearheaded the development of the firm's website, and developed its social media presence on Twitter and Facebook. She has also organized and led semi-annual partners' meetings.

Muller consistently works to raise the profile of the profession. She has participated in tax training clinics for students at the University of British Columbia (UBC), and was a CaseWare seminar presenter to UBC and Simon Fraser University students for six years. In her community, Muller volunteers for the Girl Guides of Canada as a Brownie leader and as a district co-treasurer. She is also former treasurer of the Bernie Legge Theatre.

Selena Nisbet, CPA, CGA obtained her CGA designation in 2010, and became a managing partner with Galloway Botteselle & Co. in Vancouver just one year later. Her efforts have helped the firm grow from a staff of 17 to a staff of 30, garnering them a spot on BC Business's list of the biggest accounting firms in BC for the past several years.

An exemplary leader at her firm, Nisbet has organized and chaired semi-annual partner meetings, instituted monthly in-house training seminars for students, and organized and facilitated office retreats to cultivate teamwork. She also developed the firm's social media strategy, and updated its office policy manual, and continues to lead annual QAM internal reporting.

In her community, Nisbet is treasurer for a local animal rescue group and a local strata corporation. She has also volunteered as a tax preparer for low income and senior citizens. Nisbet is also active in the profession, serving on various committees within the profession.

Quote

Richard Rees, FCPA, FCA, president and CEO, CPABC

"Saskia and Selena have worked hard to make a difference in both the profession and their community. They are an inspiration to other young professionals in the community. We are thrilled to recognize their outstanding accomplishments."

NOTE TO JOURNALISTS: Publication quality photos of the recipients are available.

About CPA British Columbia

The Chartered Professional Accountants of British Columbia (CPABC) was formed through the amalgamation of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of BC (ICABC), the Certified General Accountants Association of BC (CGA-BC), and the Certified Management Accountants Society of BC (CMABC).



CPABC was officially established when the CPA Act came into effect on June 24, 2015. CPABC represents over 34,000 members and 6,500 legacy and CPA students and candidates.

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