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## Biography

### **Shelley S. Stein**

*Chief operating officer*

Shelley S. Stein is the chief operating officer (COO) of Grant Thornton LLP, the fifth largest accounting firm in the United States and U.S. member firm of Grant Thornton International – one of the six global accounting, tax and business advisory organizations. In this role, Ms. Stein is responsible for a number of operational and strategic priorities critical to the firm’s success, including human resources, strategic learning, and marketing and sales. In addition, she leads the firm’s strategic initiative with respect to enhancing the delivery of the Grant Thornton Experience for its people.

Ms. Stein has held a variety of roles during her 27-year tenure with Grant Thornton. Prior to becoming COO, she served the firm as U.S. managing partner of client services, directing the activities of the firm’s national managing partners engaged in assurance and advisory, tax and international services, as well as the firm’s industry groups, in an effort to enhance and refine offerings, implement new offerings, drive strategy, achieve revenue growth and maximize profitability of firm services. In addition, Ms. Stein served as divisional director for the Americas for Grant Thornton International for three years, as well as on the board of both Grant Thornton LLP and Grant Thornton International. She has also been a member of Grant Thornton LLP’s Senior Leadership Team for a number of years.

### **Affiliations**

Ms. Stein is a member of various professional societies and has served on the board of a variety of professional, social and community organizations. In 2000, she was named Woman Certified Public Accountant (CPA) of the Year by the American Woman’s Society of CPAs.

### **Education**

Ms. Stein holds a Bachelor of Science in business with distinction in accounting from the University of Minnesota.

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