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## **FIRM PARTNER FEATURED IN C.E.O. MAGAZINE**

Whalen & Company Partner Laura Wojciechowski was one of eight executive women in central Ohio who were featured in a cover story, Breaking Barriers, in the May issue of Columbus C.E.O.

The eight were selected because the magazine's editors felt that each had demonstrated that she is breaking through career barriers and balancing the demands of work, home and civic commitments. The executives represented both the private and public sectors; some were business owners or co-owners while others were CEOs, presidents and vice presidents or executive directors.

2010 marked the sixth consecutive year in which the magazine has identified and interviewed women executives. The writers posed the same seven questions to each, giving the leaders the opportunity to provide insights into the triumphs and struggles of building successful careers.

Wojciechowski started with Whalen in 1990 as a seasonal tax preparer and worked her way up to president by focusing on education and accepting work assignments that few sought.

Seeing clients and colleagues succeed is the best part of her work, she indicated; delivering clients disappointing news, the worst.

She credits her father's entrepreneurial spirit – he was an accountant whom she assisted – and the growing careers of her children as inspirational. She cited optimism and perseverance as the most important qualities for a successful career.

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