# People on the move: EY appoints first woman to role of Boston office principal

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Lisa Young was promoted to senior accounting and tax manager in the complete financial office solutions department of HMWC CPAs, Tustin.

Brian Toman was appointed special advisor in the Multistate Tax Controversy Services practice at Deloitte Tax, San Francisco.

Lauren Akmaeva was appointed vice president of finance at close management software provider FloQast, Los Angeles.

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Big Four firm Ernst & Young maintains its top spot in the rankings of auditors of public companies, with over 250 public company clients more than its nearest rival, according to a recent study.

In Audit Analytics' *Who Audits Public Companies – 2017 Edition*, which was just completed, EY totaled 947 public companies, followed by fellow Big Four firms PwC, KPMG and Deloitte & Touche with 696, 665 and 642, respectively.

Overall, billion-dollar firms continue to dominate the public company audit market, with BDO USA, Grant Thornton and RSM joining the Big Four account for just over half, or 51.2 percent of audits in the space. With the rest of the Top 10 leading public company auditors – MaloneBailey, Marcum and Crowe Horwath – they account for 61.7 percent of all public companies, which was up somewhat from last year, when the Top 10 accounted for 60.7 percent.



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