# ERIC S. BERMAN, CPA, CGMA

Partner

INSPIRATION: I enjoy helping governments achieve the next level of operations, transparency and knowledge. As I like to say, Think like a taxpayer, because you are one.' We're all working for the same goals, and if our clients succeed, we succeed.

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Eric is a nationally recognized speaker, author, thought leader and auditor with a wealth of government client experience. He brings a unique perspective to the firm's clients as a former Deputy Comptroller of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, a chief financial officer of a state agency and an audit partner with clients ranging from a well-known stadium to statewide pension systems.

Eric's unique background and decades of governmental accounting, auditing and controllership experience allows his clients to meet their standards and goals and achieve new success along the way. He's been recognized with several major awards for his public service and work, and his insight means he can help you solve problems before they happen.

In his free time, Eric enjoys spending time with family, especially his new grandson Jonah! He enjoys watching Boston sports—Red Sox, Patriots, Celtics and Bruins—but Jonah tops them all.

### **Client Work**

Helped government entities across the U.S. understand and implement GASB Standards.

Consulted with state and local governmental clients with governmental accounting, auditing and controllership services.

Assisted clients in earning the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

Authored the entire governmental library of reference information and audit programs for CCH Wolters Kluwer.

Served as Deputy Comptroller of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for 11 years and held the position of Chief Financial Officer of the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust for five years.

## Memberships

Represented the Association of Government Accounts (AGA) as the Vice Chairman of the Government Accounting Standards Advisory Council (GASAC) to GASB

AGA Boston chapter president and host of the 2017 Professional Development Training conference

AGA Audit Committee chair and former chair of the Financial Management Standards Board

AGA Finance and Budget Committee member and National Treasurer-Elect for 2021-22. National Treasurer for 2022-23.

California Society of Certified Public Accountants, Governmental Accounting and Audit Committee

Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants, Governmental Accounting and Auditing Committee

Designation/Licensures Certified Public Accountant

Chartered Global Management Accountant

## Education

Master of Science, Accountancy – Bentley University, Waltham, Massachusetts

Bachelor of Science, Broadcast Journalism – Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts

### Community

Serves as a mentor for a newcomer to public service.

Serves on a finance advisory committee for a community safety net for basic needs in the Boston area.

Served on a regional board of a global diplomacy, advocacy and intergroup relations not-for-profit.

Co-founded a performing arts not-for-profit at his high school in western Pennsylvania.