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Laurie Krebs
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Laurie is a strategic leader and an exceptional developer of highly effective finance organizations, with extensive experience in accounting & tax matters for multinational operations both through private industry and public practice. Laurie has built an expansive network spanning both private and public sectors in the US and across the globe. Her commitment to excellence and professionalism within her field of expertise, has made her one of the most sought after tax executives in the industry.

Prioritizing team building and retention, she has cultivated diverse and talented finance departments resulting in capable and accurate analysis and reporting supporting the management and growth of billion-dollar companies. As a tax practice leader for many large corporations for past 16 years, she has had a strong focus on enabling the tax department as a critical partner for the business. Her skills developed over 14 years spent in public practice prior to industry include deep knowledge of tax accounting, compliance, incentives, transfer pricing and controversy management.

After graduating with a B.S. degree in accounting from LeMoyne College in Syracuse, NY, Laurie began building her resume that includes the following powerhouse companies:

- 14-year career ladder with KPMG, both in NY and NC,
- 5 years as Global Tax Director at Nortel Networks in RTP, NC
- 9 years as VP of Tax and Finance at Cree, Inc. in Durham NC.
- In January 2017, Laurie transitioned to her current role as VP of Tax at Red Hat, a global provider of open source software solutions

In addition to her role in finance, Laurie prioritizes involvement in, and often spearheading, women's mentoring initiatives in the workplace. Providing focus and direction to female professionals, she offers motivation and inspiration to anyone seeking to further their goals and careers.

Laurie lives in Holly Springs, NC with her husband Andy and their 2 daughters, Kelly and Kristen. Their free time is spent at the beach in the Outer Banks of NC as often as possible.

Laurie is a CPA in the state of NC and a graduate of LeMoyne College, Syracuse NY.