



## **GILA J. BRONNER, CPA**

**Gila J. Bronner** is President and CEO of Bronner Group, LLC, a woman-owned, multi-disciplined professional services company that delivers comprehensive strategy, transformation and accountability consulting services to federal, state and local governments and federal agencies. Throughout her distinguished career, Ms. Bronner has assisted several hundred different government entities throughout the United States and Puerto Rico in streamlining business practices, implementing improved internal controls, and developing strong public oversight mechanisms.

Ms. Bronner is highly respected by government lawmakers and regulators as an expert on auditor independence and related accountability and internal control issues and is a nationally recognized authority on governmental auditing, compliance and oversight. She has written and lectured extensively on the subjects of auditor independence, government efficiency, grants management, homeland safety, and is a recognized thought leader on public sector implementation and compliance issues associated with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

Ms. Bronner has comprehensive experience as a board member and deep knowledge of institutional governance. She currently serves or has served on numerous significant civic and professional boards, as well as several independent oversight and advisory commissions, including the Illinois Local Government Advisory Board and the Illinois State Government Accountability Council (ISGAC). Through the ISGAC, she led a high profile government-wide customer service improvement initiative.

Ms. Bronner has served on numerous transition teams at the State and local levels of government. In addition, she participated as a member of the VA-DOD team during the Clinton/Gore National Performance Review.

Pursuant to a Presidential appointment, Ms. Bronner served as a member of the governing board of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Ms. Bronner formerly chaired the Museum's Audit Committee and Finance Committee and is also a current or former member of the Museum's Executive, Ad-Hoc, Investment, and Strategic Planning Committees. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) appointed Ms. Bronner to the NASA Advisory Council, Financial Audit Committee (FAC).

Ms. Bronner recently completed service as a member of the Board of Directors of the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) where she served as a key liaison to federal government oversight bodies and served as a member of the Executive Committee of AICPA's Political Leadership Cabinet. She is also active in the Illinois CPA Society (ICPAS) for which she has served as Chairman of the Society's Regulation and Legislation Committee, Chairman of its Legislative Contact Program, member of the Board of Directors, an officer of its political action committee, and a member of the ICPAS Ethics Committee. In addition, she served as a member of the Board for the University of Illinois Office of Governmental Accounting Research and Education at the Chicago campus, and is a former member of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), serving since the early 1980s as a member of its Certificate of Achievement Program Special Review Committee.

Ms. Bronner is the former director of GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program. While at GFOA, Ms. Bronner also worked closely with the GFOA's Washington-based Government Finance Research Center and Federal Liaison Center. Both centers have worked closely with federal officials in providing independent monitoring and compliance enforcement for various federally sponsored grant and entitlement programs. She assisted in GFOA research on the Single Audit Act and developed GFOA congressional testimony and position papers on single audit accounting and reporting requirements. In addition to serving as a national program director at GFOA, Ms. Bronner provided staff support for the GFOA's public finance-related lobbying activities in Congress, as professional staff to the Committee on Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting, and as a staff member of the National Council on Governmental Accounting (the predecessor body to the Government Accounting Standards Board).

Ms. Bronner is also a member of the City of Chicago Mayor's Council of Technology Advisors, where she has served on the Education and e-Government Subcommittees. She was also responsible for developing the organizational, operational, and funding strategies for the City's community portal project.

Prior to forming BRONNER in 1987, Ms. Bronner was a Manager for Governmental Consulting at KPMG Peat Marwick. For two consecutive years, *Accounting Today*, the leading periodical in the accounting profession, named Ms. Bronner one of the top 100 most influential people in accounting.

### **Education**

Ms. Bronner received her Bachelor of Science in Accounting degree from the University of Illinois where she was elected to "Who's Who In American Colleges and Universities." She was recently presented with the "Distinguished Graduate Award" from the University and was inducted into the University's College of Business Administration's Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies Hall of Fame. Ms. Bronner is a licensed certified public accountant in the states of Illinois and Georgia and a member of the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants.