



## JOSEPH A. ODZER, CPA, MST

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### MANAGING DIRECTOR

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As Managing Director leading the ORBA team, Joe is focused on shaping and implementing ORBA's strategic plan that propels innovation, expands service capabilities and fosters growth within the firm. In his leadership role, he guides the firm's continued advancement in the shifting landscape of accounting, tax and advisory services while maintaining a focus on client service, promoting and developing employees to help improve clients' bottom lines, and expanding on the firm's workplace culture of diversity and inclusivity. Joe's vision is to provide clients with practical solutions, unrivaled value and exceptional service.

Prior to his election as Managing Director, Joe was one of the firm's tax specialists on a variety of corporate, partnership and individual tax issues.

#### EDUCATION

- B.S., *with honors*, Accounting, University of Illinois at Chicago
- M.S., *with distinction*, Taxation, DePaul University

#### CERTIFICATIONS AND LICENSES

- Certified Public Accountant
- Illinois Life and Health Insurance License
- Series 65 Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination

#### MEMBERSHIPS

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Illinois CPA Society

#### HONORS & AWARDS

Joe was awarded the Elijah Watt Sellers Award with high distinction from the AIC-PA for outstanding scores achieved on the Uniform Certified Public Accounting Examination

#### ORBA COMMITTEES

- Women's Alliance Group
- Community Outreach Committee
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

#### PROACTIVE

Joe has a proven record of fostering growth, stability and innovation within the firm. His leadership style is collaborative, working with firm leaders to ensure seamless operations, and his guidance has been instrumental in the firm's growth, as well as in the accolades that the firm has received. He also plays a significant role in coaching emerging leaders and Directors.

#### OUTSIDE OF THE OFFICE

When time permits, Joe enjoys travelling.

#### BLOGS

- *Illinois Restaurant Association's Update on "Happy Hour" Law*
- *Payroll Tax Happy Hour!*

#### CLIENT ALERTS

- *Illinois Estimated Tax Payment Rules for 2020*