

ORUMÉ HAYS ELECTED PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE NEW YORK STATE SOCIETY OF CPAs

HAYS CPA LLC's Founder and CEO Becomes First Woman and First Staten Island CPA to Hold the Statewide Leadership Position



New York City, New York Jun 28, 2026 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.IssueWire.com)) - HAYS CPA LLC is proud to announce that its Founder and CEO, **Orumé Agbeyegbe Hays, CPA, CGMA, MST**, has begun her term as President-Elect of the New York State Society of CPAs (NYCPA), effective June 1, 2026.

With her election, Hays becomes the first woman and the first CPA from Staten Island to serve as President-Elect in the organization's history. She is expected to assume the presidency of the NYCPA in June 2027.

"As a female founder and owner of a small CPA firm, I am especially proud of what this achievement may represent for other women in the profession and entrepreneurs building their own businesses," said Hays. "I hope it demonstrates that leadership opportunities at the highest levels of our profession are accessible to those willing to serve, lead, and persevere."

The New York State Society of CPAs is one of the nation's leading professional accounting organizations, representing approximately 18,000 CPAs, attorneys, bankers, educators, students, and other professionals across New York State.

"It is an incredible honor to serve the accounting profession in this capacity," said Hays. "Throughout my career, I have been committed to advancing our profession, supporting fellow practitioners, and mentoring future leaders. I look forward to continuing that work while representing the members of the NYCPA across New York State."

Hays is a nationally recognized accounting professional, educator, and business leader. In 2024, she was named to Forbes' inaugural list of America's Top 200 CPAs and was subsequently recognized among Forbes' Best-in-State CPAs in both 2025 and 2026. She has also been named one of the profession's Top 25 Most Powerful Women in Accounting for four consecutive years.

Her leadership within the accounting profession extends well beyond New York. She previously served as Chair of the American Institute of CPAs' Private Companies Practice Section (PCPS) Executive Committee, becoming the first sole practitioner and first Black female CPA to hold that position. She currently serves as an At-Large Member of the AICPA Council and a member of the DCPA Advisory Board.

At the regional level, she serves as Regional Vice President for NABA's Eastern Region.

Within New York, Hays previously served as President of the NYCPA Manhattan/Bronx Chapter and has held numerous leadership positions within the Society over the past decade, including service on its Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and various committees dedicated to advancing the profession.

In addition to her professional leadership, Hays serves as an Adjunct Lecturer of Accounting at the College of Staten Island, where she is dedicated to educating and mentoring the next generation of accounting professionals.

As Founder and CEO of HAYS CPA LLC, Hays provides strategic tax, accounting, and advisory services to individuals, entrepreneurs, and closely held businesses. Under her leadership, the firm has built a reputation for technical excellence, client service, and innovation.

"This milestone is particularly meaningful because it demonstrates that professionals from Staten Island can achieve leadership roles at the highest levels of our profession while remaining deeply connected to

the communities they serve," Hays said.

Hays' election marks another significant achievement in a distinguished career dedicated to advancing the accounting profession through leadership, education, mentorship, and service.

About HAYS CPA LLC

HAYS CPA LLC is a Staten Island-based accounting and advisory firm providing tax, accounting, consulting, and business advisory services to individuals, entrepreneurs, and closely held businesses. Founded by Orumé Hays, CPA, CGMA, MST, the firm is committed to delivering strategic guidance, exceptional client service, and innovative solutions that help clients achieve their financial and business goals.

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