

Howard Blumstein

Howard Blumstein is an Assurance Partner at the international accounting firm of BDO Seidman, LLP. Howard has been with BDO since 1996 and has about 25 years of experience in the profession. A considerable amount of his time is spent in servicing clients in the not-for-profit industry sector. Prominent clients served by Howard include the National Association of Realtors, the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association and the Joyce Foundation. Howard also has leadership roles in BDO's Not-for-Profit Industry and Employee Benefit Plan industry groups. Other responsibilities include leading the campus recruiting efforts for BDO's Chicago office and facilitation of various Firm sponsored training programs. Howard received a Bachelor of Science degree in Accountancy with a minor in Economics, from Northern Illinois University. He also was named a Northern Illinois University Outstanding Alumnus in 2005. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and Illinois CPA Society.

Howard has worked with not-for-profit organizations to implement complex financial accounting standards including accounting for contributions received and contributions made and the application of accounting standards for mergers and acquisitions. He has also worked with compliance auditing as required by OMB Circular A-133 for research organizations and is trained in performing audits under *Government Auditing Standards*. Howard has presented complex accounting issues to numerous boards and committees throughout his career. He has also worked with other industry experts in providing education and training regarding governance and best practices for not-for-profit organizations.

Howard is active in a number of community organizations. He currently serves as the Treasurer of both the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District and the Homewood-Flossmoor Youth Soccer Club. He is also an active member of the Lincoln Park Zoo Planned Giving Advisory Council.