

GILA J. BRONNER

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

Gila 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 government compliance and oversight. She has written and lectured extensively on the subjects of auditor independence, government efficiency and reform, grants management, and government accountability. She is also a recognized thought leader on public sector governance and compliance matters associated with the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act (DATA Act).

Gila has comprehensive experience as a board member and deep knowledge of institutional governance. She currently serves or has served on numerous civic and professional boards, as well as several independent oversight and advisory commissions. In addition, she has assisted many governments and government-related organizations with identification and selection of candidates for both independent boards and commissions, as well as full-time senior executive positions.

Appointments/Professional Affiliations

Pursuant to a Presidential appointment, Gila served as a member of the governing council of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Her leadership roles at the Museum have included chairing the Museum's Audit and Finance Committees and serving as a member of the Museum's Executive, Investment, Ad-Hoc Search, and Strategic Planning Committees. In 2016, Gila began her 5-year term as a member of the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB). Gila is also a new member of the Chicago Network. Gila was also selected as an initial member of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Advisory Council Financial Audit Committee (FAC) and serves on the Board of Advisors for the Data Coalition, the only trade association that advocates data reform for the U.S. Government.

At the state level, Gila has consulted to numerous state governments across multiple disciplines. Additionally, she has provided pro-bono assistance through service on state boards and commissions including: Illinois Finance Authority as vice chair of the Board of Directors, chair of the Audit, Budget, Finance, Investment and Procurement committee, and member of the Governance, Personnel, Legislation and Ethics committee; the former Illinois State Government Accountability Council; and, the Illinois Comptroller's Local Government Advisory Board.

Over her 30-plus year career, Gila has been an active national leader in the public accounting profession. She was 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 as a member of the Executive Committee of AICPA's Political Leadership Cabinet. She is also a member of the Illinois CPA Society (ICPAS) for which she served as: Chairman of the Society's Regulation and Legislation

Committee; its Legislative Contact Program; a member of the Board of Directors; an officer of its political action committee; and, a member of the ICPAS Ethics Committee. Gila was also a member of the Board for the University of Illinois Office of Governmental Accounting Research and Education. For two consecutive years, Accounting Today, named Gila one of the top 100 most influential people in accounting.

Prior to forming BRONNER in 1987, Gila was a Manager for Governmental Consulting at KPMG Peat Marwick and Director of the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program. Gila also provided staff support to the National Council on Governmental Accounting (the predecessor body to the Governmental Accounting Standards Board).

Education

Gila received her Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from the University of Illinois where she was elected to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities." She was inducted into the University's College of Business Administration's Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies Hall of Fame and presented with the "Distinguished Graduate Award". She is a member of the University of Illinois, College of Business Administration Alumni Leadership Academy and its Accounting Advisory Committee.

Gila is a licensed certified public accountant in Illinois, Indiana, California, Georgia, Massachusetts, and New York. Her application to be a licensed CPA in Pennsylvania is pending. She is also a member of the California Society of CPAs, Georgia Society of CPAs, Illinois CPA Society, Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants, New York State Society of CPAs, the Greater Washington Society of CPAs, and the Pennsylvania Society of CPAs.