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See What's New With the Women at BDO Consulting

As we embark on a new year, BDO Consulting takes a look at our professionals' recent accomplishments and highlights the ways in which we are giving back to the community.

BDO KNOWS TECHNOLOGY: EXPANDING THE BREADTH, DEPTH, AND QUALITY OF OUR RESOURCES



Achieving Excellence in Technology: Recent Awards and Recognition

In the fall, BDO Consulting's Forensic Technology Services practice received [kCura's Relativity Best in Service designation](#) in recognition of its role as a Relativity Premium Hosting Partner for providing end users with exceptional client service.

"Organizations are continuously looking for technology solutions that allow them to manage e-discovery in a more efficient and cost-effective manner," said [Jenna Aira-Ventrella](#), Managing Director in BDO Consulting's Forensic Technology Services practice. "Working with the Relativity platform, we are able to serve our clients diverse e-discovery needs and develop customized solutions offering meaningful insight that enables better data management for our clients."

Relativity Best in Service providers demonstrate their expertise and experience by hosting projects in the Relativity platform, as well as participating in a review process in which kCura evaluates their data centers for customer service, product expertise, and technical infrastructure. In addition, Best in Service providers must achieve certain standards as a hosting partner, involving Relativity certifications, as well as duration and size of engagement criteria and client testimonials.

To add to BDO's recent technology-related achievements, BDO Consulting Litigation Manager and Forensic Technology Services lead, Farrah Patterson and others on her team won the SANS Lethal Forensicator Coin award for analysis completed in the "[Advanced Smartphone Forensics](#)" course at a recent training at the [SANS Institute](#), a leading organization for information security training and security certification. The team analyzed evidence collected from multiple smartphones and pieced it together to simulate the chain of events for a mock digital forensic investigation. The award recognizes professionals who demonstrate exceptional talent, contributions, or leadership in the digital forensics profession and community.

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Achieving Excellence in Technology: Sharing Insights with Our Professional Community

In addition to recent awards and recognition, BDO Consulting professionals have been heavily involved in drawing upon their experience and expertise to share knowledge with professional communities. BDO Consulting Director and Data Analytics practice leader, [Kirstie Tiernan](#) recently attended a [Data + Women Meetup](#) breakout session at the Tableau Conference, in addition to hosting her own networking event with conference attendees. The Meetup featured women with a variety of backgrounds, including industry leaders, humanitarians, and experts in Tableau, in a discussion about how to help advance women in the data field. In addition, Kirstie also presented at the [Financial Executives International](#) CPE event on "Big Data: Big Opportunity or Big Headache," focusing on the application of data analytics as a cost-effective method for controlling the widening gap between data management and decision-making.

Joining the discussion about professional advancement in technology, BDO Consulting Senior Manager [Rachel Weinthal](#) recently participated in the [2015 Leading Women in Technology Wilpower Program](#). Wilpower is a monthly program that brings experts in marketing, leadership, strategic thinking, and communication together to enhance career growth and develop leadership skills.

"Participating in the Wilpower program, I gained strategic and actionable guidance on professional skills such as goal setting, negotiation, personal branding, and influence," says Rachel. "These skills help me realize my own professional growth, and in turn, enable me to provide our clients with the exceptional service that BDO is known for in the marketplace."



BDO Gives Back to the Community

We would like to recognize BDO's annual involvement in the [Make-A-Wish foundation](#), an organization that grants wishes to children diagnosed with life-threatening medical conditions. Launched in 2009 as a volunteer initiative, the BDO Counts Good Deeds program continues to realize a measurable impact on local communities through year-round service and teamwork opportunities, as well as a firm-wide Week of Service. This past holiday season, volunteers from BDO's New York office gathered to create "wish sacks" and wrap gifts for the Make-A-Wish foundation.

"Making a wish come true for a child is a genuine way to help brighten their spirits as they deal with significant challenges," says BDO Consulting Director, [Susanne Cleary](#), who helped organize the event with BDO Consulting Litigation Director, [Michael Ammirabile](#).

In addition to organized volunteer work, BDO employees are also involved in their communities. BDO Consulting Managing Director [Nicole Sliger](#) volunteers with [Hudson County Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children](#) (CASA), a non-profit organization that works with members of the community to advocate for the best interests of the children in foster care and improve their overall well-being. Nicole visits with children monthly to gather information from them, as well as their family members, parents, teachers, doctors, attorneys, and social workers. She reports to the court about whether the children are getting the necessary services and assistance they need, while helping to move them toward safe and permanent homes.

Appreciating our own good fortunate, BDO professionals welcome the opportunity to help others in need.

Happy New Year!



BDO Consulting Director Kirstie Tiernan attends a Data + Women Meetup at the Tableau Conference



BDO Consulting professionals gather at the annual BDO Make-A-Wish gift wrapping event