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Having been a partner with the firm for 33 years, Mr. Fusco has served in a variety of management roles including Eastern regional managing partner, managing partner of the Atlanta office and client service partner. Currently, he is responsible for the firm’s institutional acceptance and capital markets acceptance program. In addition, he also maintains relations with the member firms of the Major Firms Group. He is a member of the Grant Thornton National Leadership Team and past member of Grant Thornton’s Partnership Board.

**Affiliations**

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**Education**

Mr. Fusco earned an M.B.A. from Adelphi University and B.B.A from Manhattan College. He is a frequent speaker at various conferences and seminars sponsored by business groups, the accounting profession and academic institutions. He has also been quoted in various publications including The Economist, The Houston Chronicle, The Street.com, Financial Executive Magazine and Directorship Magazine.