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Joan Ellenbogen elected President, Executive Women's Council of Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh, July 2005 – Joan Ellenbogen, CPA, managing partner of CrawfordEllenbogen LLC (CE) has been elected President to the Executive Women's Council of Pittsburgh (EWC). Also elected to the Executive Committee are: Karen Myres, Director of Corporate Education & International Programs at Carnegie Mellon University as President-elect; Christine Kirby, Director of Resources & Statewide Support at Pennsylvania Legal Services as Treasurer; Mary Frances Dean, Esq. Planned Giving Officer at the Pittsburgh Foundation; Cathy McCollom, Chief Programs Officer at the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation as Immediate Past President.

EWC, now in its thirtieth year, provides enrichment, support and a source of collective power for executive and professional women in the region. The organization encourages women to take a leadership role in their profession and in their community, and offers council opportunities through committee participation, networking events and the Women on Boards Initiative.

Joan is thrilled to have the opportunity to be a "leader among leaders." "My goals for EWC this year is to put a face to the organization, so that Pittsburgh's leading women know there is an organization for them in which they are able to grow, network, and make a difference through a united force."

Joan is not new to volunteering her talents to associations--active in professional, business and community affairs, Ellenbogen serves on the board of the Port Authority, is on the board of directors of the Allegheny County Bar Foundation as well as its Development Committee co-Chair and is a past president. She is also past president of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) Pittsburgh Chapter and the Pittsburgh Tax Club. Ellenbogen is past treasurer for the Allegheny County Bar Association and Board of Governors, previously served on board of directors for Estate Planning Council and past member of the PA Bar Institute's PBA House of Delegates. She also served on the Budget & Finance Committee of Roddey's Transition Team for Allegheny County.

Along with Joan's inspiring list of accomplishments, each of EWC's individual members have a wealth of experience, strength and heart, and they're ready to follow Joan's lead.

Ellenbogen earned her bachelor's degree in accounting at Duquesne University, where she graduated *summa cum laude* as valedictorian. Although she devotes her practice to accounting and financial consulting, Ellenbogen is also an attorney. She received her law degree *magna cum laude* from Duquesne's School of Law.

For over 60 years CrawfordEllenbogen LLC (CE) has provided integrated advisory, accounting and tax services, which has contributed significantly and efficiently to their clients' cash flow and wealth accumulation.

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