

W. Ralph Sommers, EA, Principal

Ralph is an Enrolled Agent, a designation issued by the Internal Revenue Service that authorizes practice before the IRS. The designation is earned by passing a three-day rigorous IRS examination and is maintained through annual requirements of continuing education. Ralph has an AAS from Albany Junior College, a BS in Accounting from Russell Sage College and a MA in Business and Policy Studies from Empire State College. Ralph formed his firm in August of 1983 and it has grown to over 900 clients including small businesses and individuals. He is the treasurer of the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce, and is an Elder in the Third Reformed Church in Albany, NY. Ralph also proudly serves as Vice president of the NY Chapter of the National Association of Tax Professionals and has been a Chapter Education Instructor since 1994.

Maureen Engstrom, EA, Principal

Maureen is an Enrolled Agent, a designation issued by the Internal Revenue Service that authorizes practice before the IRS. The designation is earned by passing a written examination and is maintained through annual requirements of continuing education. She also has over fifteen years of public and private accounting experience. She has a strong knowledge of corporate and individual taxation and is familiar with the ever changing financial and technical small business needs. She is a graduate of both Hudson Valley Community College (AAS) and Russell Sage College (B.S. – Accounting). Maureen is a member of the National Association of Tax Practitioners (NATP). Her experience and knowledge is suited to our firm's services and she is now a principal and director of Sommers & Engstrom.

Darlene Golden – Executive Assistant

Darlene joined our firm last year and has proven to be a most valuable resource for all our clients by assisting them in organizing, scheduling and document preparation. Mrs. Golden has served on non-profit organization boards and has held executive and supervisory positions coordinating activities. She completed a full "Quickbooks" training course this year having worked in previous bookkeeping capacities for small firms. We are pleased to have her hard work ethic as part of our services.