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Baker Tilly Announces New Partners

Madison, WI - Baker Tilly is pleased to announce the addition of five new partners to the firm.

Jason Coyle, CPA, specializes in providing financial and compliance audits and consulting services to school districts. He has extensive expertise in municipalities, special districts, and not-for-profit organizations. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Accountancy from the University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign. Jason is involved with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Illinois Certified Public Accountant Society – Government Report Review Committee, Association of School Business Officials International, and the Illinois Association of School Business Officials. He is a member of the Public Sector team in the Oak Brook office.

Mike Mader, CPA, CFE, heads both our forensic and dealership practices for the Wisconsin Region. He specializes in retail automobile, truck, boat, motorcycle, and recreational dealerships, and related industries. He has extensive consulting experience in dealership operations, internal controls, accounting processes, and computer utilization. He is also experienced in fraud investigations and expert testimony. Michael earned his Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting and Finance from the University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh. He is involved with the Wisconsin Auto and Truck Dealers Association, and he presents at various conferences on behalf of state dealer associations. He is a member of the Retail Services team in Appleton.

Brenen Sieber, CPA, focuses exclusively on serving clients in the Mergers & Acquisitions Group through sell-side and buy-side advisory services. He has extensive experience in cross border Mergers and Acquisitions, including transaction projects in Asia, Europe, the Middle East, North America, and South America. Brenen attended Northern Michigan University – Marquette, where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Accounting degree. He also attended the Northwestern University Merger Week Program facilitated by the Kellogg Business School. Brenen is a member of the Mergers and Acquisitions team in Milwaukee.

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Aaron Worthman, CPA, specializes in serving municipal utilities; joint action agencies, and not-for-profit organizations. He has experience with performing financial audits and agreed-upon procedure reviews as well as preparing rate studies, cost of service studies, rate designs, and financial forecasts. He is involved with the American and Wisconsin Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and is an instructor for APPA's Utility Education courses, authors nationally and regionally published articles on utility regulation and accounting issues and is a contributing author in the APPA Advance Accounting Manual. Aaron attended the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire where he earned his Bachelor of Business Administration. He is a member of the Energy and Utilities team in Madison.

Christine Smith specializes in creating innovative management solutions for public sector clients. She serves municipalities, counties, schools, housing authorities, utilities, and state agencies nationwide. During her 11 years as a consultant, clients have benefited from her lead with strategic planning, community driven development, resource optimization, human capital management, and operations improvement initiatives. Prior to Baker Tilly, Christine spent 10 years as human resource, budget, and policy manager providing support to large public sector organizations. She is involved with Society for Human Resource Management, International City/County Management Association, Leadership Greater Madison and speaks on management, operations, performance, and human resource issues at national and local industry conferences. She earned her Bachelor of Business Administration - Magna Cum Laude from the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire. Christine leads the firm's State and Local Government Consulting team and is an integral part of the firm's Economic and Community Services team.

On June 1, 2009, the former Virchow, Krause & Company, LLP changed its name to Baker Tilly, becoming the exclusive U.S. branded firm in the Baker Tilly International network. The transition to the Baker Tilly brand is a commitment by the firm to meet the ever-changing global needs of its clients.

With staff totaling more than 1,300, Baker Tilly provides a wide range of accounting, tax, assurance and consulting services. The firm has offices in Chicago, Detroit, Minneapolis, New York and throughout Wisconsin.

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