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## Timothy L. Christen to Chair AICPA Major Firms Group

*Baker Tilly Virchow Krause CEO Will Serve Three-Year Term*

CHICAGO – Timothy L. Christen, CEO of Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP, has been appointed to serve a three-year term as Chair of the Major Firms Group (MFG) of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).

Formed in the mid-1970s, the MFG consists of more than 75 of the nation's top 100 firms who have 75 or more AICPA members. It acts as a unified voice representing the interests of national and regional firms, and is a powerful advocate of thought leadership for the profession. Christen continues to serve as a member of the AICPA Board of Directors, working in conjunction with the organization's national council to oversee management and services that impact the more than 350,000 AICPA members nationwide. He is also a member of the AICPA Compensation Committee.

In addition to his involvement with the AICPA, Christen is a member of the Baker Tilly International Board of Directors and the Baker Tilly North American Regional Council. He has been recognized by *Accounting Today* as one of the 100 Most Influential People in the accounting profession, and as one of the five Most Admired Peers by fellow Major Firm Managing Partners, according to *Inside Public Accounting*.

On June 1, 2009, the former Virchow, Krause & Company, LLP changed its name to become 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. On December 1, 2009, the firm announced a merger with Beers + Cutler, a leading Washington, DC firm.

Baker Tilly International is the world's 8th largest network made up of 145 high quality, independent accounting and business services firms in 110 countries, with more than 25,000 professionals. The combined worldwide revenue of independent member firms exceeds \$3 billion.

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