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Baker Tilly Announces New Partners

Chicago, IL - Baker Tilly is pleased to announce the addition of ten new partners to the firm.

Christopher Braun, MBA, JD, LLM, specializes in international estate, foreign trust, and cross-border expatriate planning. He serves high-wealth dual-jurisdiction nationals through a variety of value-added tax consulting, international structuring, and wealth transfer strategies. He has substantial experience in domestic and foreign charitable planning, and U.S. domestic and foreign estate planning techniques aimed at preserving the wealth of the globally mobile person. He is the firm's nationwide Director of Life Insurance Planning Services and is responsible for managing the firm's expatriate practice. He is a Bar member of the Indiana Supreme Court, United States Tax Court, United States Claims Court, 7th Circuit United States Court of Appeals, and the Northern and Southern United States District Courts of Indiana. He received his Bachelor of Arts in History, Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa, and Masters in Business Administration from Indiana University – Bloomington. He earned his Doctor of Jurisprudence, Cum Laude from Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis. He received his LLM (Taxation) from Washington University School of Law in St. Louis by way of a full scholarship. Christopher is a member of the Strategic Tax Financial Estate Planning team in Detroit.

Bill Bressette, CPCM, CFCM, CCCM, has extensive experience helping contractors with virtually all aspects of GSA Schedule contracting. He also has experience in government contracting and corporate compliance. Bill earned his Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Furman University and his Masters in International Relations/International Law from the American University. He is a member of the American Bar Association, National Contract Management Association, and the Professional Services Council. Bill is a member of the Consulting team in D.C.

Charles Droege, CPA, has significant experience on reviews, compilations, and audits for restaurants, technology consulting companies, colleges and universities, and retail businesses. He is the Chicago-office leader of the Employee Benefit Plan audit practice. Chuck is a member of the Wisconsin and American Institutes of Certified Public Accountants and the National and Wisconsin Restaurant Associations. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Accounting –

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Magna Cum Laude from the University of Wisconsin – Superior. Chuck is a member of the Tri-State Commercial team in Chicago.

Carl Franseen, CPA, specializes in serving the construction and real estate industries throughout Illinois and Wisconsin. He has extensive experience in audit, tax planning, systems development, and management consulting. Carl earned his Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Bob Jones University – Greenville, SC. He is a member of the Associated Builders and Contractors, the Associated General Contractors, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Construction Financial Management Association, and the Wisconsin Transportation Builders Association. Carl is a member of the Wisconsin Construction/Real Estate team in Janesville.

Chad O'Brien, CPA, specializes in serving the accounting, auditing, and compliance needs of manufacturing and distribution clients. He is IFRS certified and has also worked extensively with public entities in their efforts towards SOX compliance. Chad is a member of the American and Wisconsin Institutes of Certified Public Accountants, as well as industry related organizations such as APICS. He earned his Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting (Magna Cum Laude) with Honors from the University of Wisconsin – Whitewater. Chad is a member of the Wisconsin Manufacturing/Distribution team in Milwaukee.

Chris Roemersma, CPA, CFE, CVA, MBA, provides financial statement assurance and income tax services to real estate developers, homebuilders, and construction contractors. He has specific experience with managing financial statement audits, conducting fraud investigations, performing internal control evaluations, and providing construction dispute related services. Chris received his Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Mount St. Mary's University and his Masters in Business Administration from Strayer University. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts, Construction Financial Management Association, Associated Builders and Contractors, and the Associated General Contractors. Chris is a member of the Tax & Assurance team in D.C.

Lisa Steele, CPA, has experience addressing the business, tax, and accounting issues faced by closely held real estate companies and their owners. She has advised clients on partnership, LLC, individual, trust, estate, and gift tax

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issues, cost segregation, and tax incentives/tax deferred planning. Lisa is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants. She received her Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Masters of Accountancy from Virginia Tech. Lisa is a member of the Tax & Assurance team in D.C.

Corey Tremaine, CPA, has specific experience managing employee benefit plan audits, financial statement compilations, reviews and corporate audits for privately held clients in the manufacturing/distribution and construction/real estate industries. Additionally, he has assisted clients with due diligence projects from both the buy-side and sell-side. His work includes working with clients to address new accounting pronouncements and with multi-national operations, including foreign currency concerns. He earned his Bachelor of Business Administration in accounting from the University of Wisconsin – LaCrosse. Corey has been an active member of the UW La Crosse College recruiting team and has conducted on-campus and in-house interviews. He has also been an active volunteer for the Wisconsin MS Society for the last seven years raising money and participating in their annual 150-mile bike ride. Corey is a member of the American and Wisconsin Institutes of Certified Public Accountants. He is a member of the Wisconsin Construction/Real Estate team in Milwaukee.

Wendi Unger, CPA, specializes in providing accounting, financial auditing, and consulting to municipalities, utilities, and educational institutions. She also has experience with managing and preparing single audits in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 and State Single Audit Guidelines. Wendi is a member of the American and Wisconsin Institutes of Certified Public Accountants, the Governmental Finance Officers Association, the Wisconsin Government Finance Officers Association, and the Public Policy Forum. She received her Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting from Marquette University. Wendi is a member of the Wisconsin State & Local Government team in Milwaukee.

Gregg Weiss, CPA, has been with the firm for nearly 12 years and specializes in delivering financial statement audits, tax services, and process evaluations, focusing on a variety of industries. His tax experience focuses on multi-state C Corporation and S Corporation tax compliance and consulting, as well as individual tax planning and compliance. Gregg earned his Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Washington University in St. Louis. He is a member of the

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American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants. Gregg is a member of the Tax & Assurance team in D.C.

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