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Kaci Howell Joins Weaver as Director in Houston Office With Transaction Advisory Practice

HOUSTON (April 30, 2015) – Kaci Howell, CPA/ABV, CVA recently joined <u>Weaver</u>, the largest independent accounting firm in the Southwest, as a director in transaction advisory services. She oversees business valuation services and is based in the firm's Houston office.

"Kaci's leadership skills and expert knowledge in business valuations will continue to help Weaver better serve our clients," said Brian Reed, CPA, CVA and partner-in-charge of transaction advisory services.



Most recently, Howell worked as a senior manager at BDO Consulting supporting the valuation and business analytics practice. Howell has years of experience in providing valuation services to both public and private clients in a variety of industries.

Howell has performed valuations of business entities for financial reporting compliance, tax compliance, mergers and acquisitions, marital dissolution purposes and other litigation matters. She has demonstrated a strong focus on fair value, performing reviews and analysis related to goodwill impairment,

long-lived asset impairment, purchase price allocations, options and other derivatives, and investments held by private equity funds.

"I want to welcome Kaci to Weaver and I look forward to the valuable insight she brings to the firm," said, Tommy Lawler, Weaver's managing partner and CEO. "We are fortunate to gain a professional who has demonstrated excellence for years in her specific technical area."

Howell's professional memberships include the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants and the National Association of Certified Valuators and Analysts. Howell earned a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting and a Master of Science degree in Finance from Texas A&M University.

About Weaver

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