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**Mark Watson Joins Weaver as Partner,
Tax and Strategic Business Services in the Houston Office**

HOUSTON (January 22, 2013) – Mark T. Watson, CPA, CFP has joined [Weaver](#), the largest independent accounting firm in the Southwest, as a partner in [tax and strategic business services](#), working in the firm’s Houston office.

Watson brings to Weaver more than 21 years of experience providing businesses and high net worth individuals with tax compliance and consulting services. His focus areas include individual and fiduciary income tax, estate and gift tax, generation-skipping transfer tax and philanthropic matters. Watson also advises independent oil and gas exploration and production companies on industry-specific tax matters.

“Mark’s background and skills in tax compliance and consulting makes him well-suited for Weaver,” said Tommy D. Lawler, Weaver’s managing partner and CEO. “We believe our Houston clients will benefit from his extensive experience in oil and gas and individual tax matters.”

Watson joins Weaver from the accounting firm, Mohle Adams. He was previously with KPMG where he served in national and international tax leadership roles.

Watson’s professional affiliations include the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants, the Wednesday Tax Forum, where he currently serves as president, the Houston Business and Estate Planning Council and the Houston Estate and Financial Forum. He earned a Master of Science degree in accounting and a Bachelor of Science degree in finance from Texas A&M University.

About Weaver

Originally founded in 1950, Weaver currently has approximately 500 employees and Texas offices in Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, Midland, Odessa and San Antonio. The firm also has an office in Stamford, Connecticut. Weaver is ranked the largest independent accounting firm in the Southwest by *Accounting Today* magazine. The firm is also ranked the 39th largest firm in the United States by *INSIDE Public Accounting* and the 45th largest firm by *Accounting Today*.

Weaver serves a broad range of clients including large national and international companies, public and privately-held businesses, nonprofit organizations and governmental entities. In addition to traditional assurance and tax services, Weaver also provides numerous advisory services, including risk advisory; transaction advisory; IT advisory; forensic accounting; litigation support; international; property tax; state and local tax; and wealth management services. Learn more at www.weaverllp.com.