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Weaver Announces Leadership Transition
John Mackel Named CEO, Effective June 2015

DALLAS-FORT WORTH, Texas (December 3, 2014) – [Weaver](#), the largest independent accounting firm in the Southwest, announces the appointment of [John J. Mackel III](#), CPA, as managing partner and chief executive officer (CEO), effective June 1, 2015. John succeeds [Tommy D. Lawler](#), CPA, who will complete his six-year term in May 2015.

With offices throughout Texas, Los Angeles, Calif. and Stamford, Conn., and operations in Denver, Colo., Weaver has grown significantly under Lawler’s leadership.



As CEO, Mackel will focus on continued growth of the firm, its service offerings and brand. With more than 17 years of public accounting experience, he currently serves as Weaver’s partner-in-charge of industry practices. Mackel also sits on the executive committee and actively provides services to clients in the energy and financial services industries. Based in the Houston office, Mackel will split time between all of the firm’s offices, including its headquarters in Fort Worth.

“Weaver has grown in both size and reputation under Tommy’s leadership, and I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as the firm’s new managing partner and CEO,” said Mackel. “I look forward to leading the firm as it adapts to changes in the economy, business environment and the profession, and to position Weaver for continued long-term success. We have a great opportunity to not only drive revenue growth, but to also mentor and develop our employees, recruit top talent and strengthen relationships with our valued clients. Our strategic plan will incorporate the rich legacy of Weaver and allow us to adapt to the ever-changing needs of our clients and employees.”

Mackel joined Weaver as an assurance partner in January 2007 with the firm’s expansion into the Houston market through the merger with McDonald, Fox & Lund, P.C. In October 2010, he was named the partner-in-charge of industry practices, responsible for leading and transforming the firm’s go-to-market approach and growth strategy across its focus industries. From 2007 to 2010, Mackel served as the director of energy services for the firm. He was appointed to the executive committee in June 2009.

“John has consistently demonstrated his passion for the success of the firm and its people,” said Lawler, who, after the transition completion, will continue to bring his leadership and passion to serving the firm’s top assurance clients. “John brings great perspective and experience to this

role. The executive committee and I have the utmost confidence that his leadership skills, client service experience and collaborative approach will carry the firm's strategy to the next level.”

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 offices in Stamford, Conn. and Los Angeles, Calif., and operates in Denver, Colo. Weaver is ranked the largest independent accounting firm in the Southwest by *Accounting Today* magazine. The firm is also ranked the 38th largest firm in the United States and a ‘Best of the Best firm for 2014’ by *INSIDE Public Accounting*.

Weaver serves a broad range of clients including public and private national and international companies, nonprofit organizations and government entities. In addition to traditional assurance and tax services, Weaver also provides numerous advisory services, including risk advisory, transaction advisory, IT advisory, energy compliance and consulting, forensics and litigation, international tax, property tax, state and local tax, and wealth strategies services. Learn more at www.weaver.com.