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Weaver Expands Its Forensics and Litigation Services Practice
Jeff Matthews Named Partner-in-Charge, Forensics and Litigation Services

TEXAS (April 19, 2017) – [Weaver](#), the largest independent accounting firm in the Southwest with nine offices across the United States, announces the expansion of its forensics and litigation services practice through a transaction with the global consulting firm, Charles River Associates (CRA). The transaction includes the addition of six new team members to Weaver’s Dallas and Houston offices formally associated with CRA.

[Jeff Matthews](#), CPA, CFE, will lead the practice as the partner-in-charge of forensics and litigation services. [Guler Ann Wiefeling](#), CFE also joins Weaver as a partner. The firm also added [Stephen Howard](#) and [Veronique Chauveau](#), CFE, who join as directors; and Melyana Melyana and Sunny Chu, CPA, who join as senior managers.

“We could not be more pleased to have Jeff, Guler and their team members join Weaver. Each professional brings significant experience and nationally recognized clients, which will enable us to grow a national forensics and litigation practice,” said John Mackel, Weaver’s managing partner and CEO.

“This transaction adds outstanding talent and serves as a key milestone in our strategic plan to expand our expertise and service offerings within Weaver’s advisory services practice,” added David Rook, chief operating officer of assurance and advisory services at Weaver.

Jeff Matthews, CPA, CFE
Partner-in-Charge, Forensics and Litigation Services, Dallas

Jeff Matthews brings substantial experience in financial investigations, forensic accounting and litigation support, spending many years practicing in Big Four accounting firms, as well as state, local and federal government entities. A Certified Fraud Examiner, he has led federal and state criminal violation investigations, including many types of fraud. Matthews has also calculated damages resulting from breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, diminution of value and misappropriation of trade secrets. Prior to working with CRA, Matthews was a director and partner for Grant Thornton.

As an active member of the Dallas Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE), where he is a past president, Matthews was named the 2013 ACFE “Certified Fraud Examiner of the Year.” He is a four-time national All-Star speaker for the Institute of Internal Auditors and a national arbitrator for the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). Matthews developed the inaugural class and currently teaches Forensic Accounting and Fraud Investigations at the University of Texas at Arlington for the Master of Business Administration

degree program. He earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting at the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

Guler Ann Wiefling, CFE
Partner, Forensics and Litigation Services, Houston

Guler Ann Wiefling specializes in conducting fraud, ethics and Foreign Corrupt Practices Act investigations, regulatory and contract compliance, internal audit and litigation support. A Certified Fraud Examiner, she assists clients with ongoing development of internal controls, corporate governance, financial planning and analysis, as well as audit planning and execution. She brings a unique perspective to serving her clients, having worked in both industry and consulting for more than 20 years.

Prior to Weaver, Wiefling was a vice president at CRA in their finance practice. She also worked as a director at Grant Thornton. Prior to that, she held audit and global investigation and compliance positions at Hewlett-Packard. Wiefling earned a Master of Business Administration degree in management information systems and finance and a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in finance from the University of St. Thomas in Houston.

Stephen Howard
Director, Forensics and Litigation Services, Houston

Stephen Howard brings more than 17 years of experience providing litigation services and forensic accounting assistance to clients in various industries in the public and private sectors. His knowledge in litigation cases includes securities litigation, patent royalty disputes and lost-profits analysis resulting from contractual breaches and business interruption claims. He has provided financial consulting services, transaction services such as business valuations and financial modeling, internal audit services, litigation support and other consulting services to clients in various industries. Howard is also an accomplished risk management and compliance executive with significant experience leading global compliance programs, audits, investigations and strategic initiatives.

Howard has played a vital role in assisting clients with designing, implementing and overseeing robust financial risk management and assessment programs. Additionally, he has extensive experience in fraud investigations and forensic accounting, including earnings management investigations, fraudulent financial statement reporting, various accounting improprieties, procurement fraud and money laundering. Howard earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in finance from Houston Baptist University.

Veronique F. Chauveau, CFE
Director, Forensics and Litigation Services, Dallas

Veronique F. Chauveau has more than 18 years of experience in forensic accounting and litigation/dispute consulting, with more than five years with Big Four accounting firms. Her experience in litigation support encompasses all phases of the litigation process, including, but not limited to, building sophisticated damages models to estimate damages arising from various types of disputes, obtaining and managing relevant data, preparing expert witnesses for deposition or testimony, writing expert reports, and rebutting opposing expert testimony.

Chauveau earned a Master of Business Administration degree in finance from the University of Oklahoma and a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from the University of Auvergne.

About Weaver

Founded in 1950, Weaver currently has more than 600 employees and offices in nine cities across the United States. 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*.

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, financial advisory, IT advisory, energy compliance and consulting, forensics and litigation, international tax, state and local tax, and wealth strategies services. Learn more at www.weaver.com.