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Weaver Merges with HLSK
Expands reach in the government sector

HOUSTON (January 22, 2016) – [Weaver](#), the largest independent accounting firm in the Southwest, announces the merger with Hereford, Lynch, Sellars & Kirkham, PC (HLSK) effective March 1, 2016. This merger marks an enhancement of Weaver’s governmental practice, including local governments, school districts and nonprofit organizations in the Houston area, as well as an expansion of the firm into the North Houston and Montgomery County market.

“HLSK is a great fit for Weaver that allows us to enrich our firm’s public sector industry reach and experience in the greater Houston area,” said John Mackel, Weaver’s managing partner and CEO. “HLSK has a long history and solid reputation. The combination of our teams positions us to enhance the value and services we bring to the cities, counties, independent school districts and nonprofit entities in the greater Houston area, particularly the rapidly-growing North Houston area, as well as across the state of Texas.”



Thomas W. Sellars, CPA and Deborah A. Kirkham Young, CPA, principals at HLSK, will join Weaver as partners. Bert H. Lynch, CPA will continue working with the firm to provide tax consulting services to clients.

“Our clients will benefit from the added depth of services and resources this merger provides,” said Tom Sellars, principal with HLSK. “We will be better positioned to serve growing organizations in this area and continue to build upon the close, enduring relationships we have with our current clients. We also look forward to the many opportunities joining Weaver brings to our employees, including ongoing career development.”

“HLSK and Weaver share very similar client service philosophies,” said Jerry Gaither, partner-in-charge of public sector services at Weaver. “Both firms are dedicated to delivering the highest quality service to our clients with a personalized approach. Our current and future clients will benefit from the experience, knowledge and quality service from the newly combined team.”

HLSK was established in Conroe, Texas in 1961 by Charles R. Hereford, CPA retired. The firm has provided accounting, audit, tax and advisory services primarily to government, commercial, nonprofit sectors and individual clients for the past 50 years. HLSK’s professionals are active members of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants and the Houston Chapter, Texas Management Group, Texas

Association of School Business Officials, Texas Municipal League, Government Finance Officers Association, and Government Audit Quality Center. Learn more at www.hlsk.com.

The 23 employees of HLSK, including the two principals, will remain in their current office at 1406 Wilson Road, Suite 100, Conroe, Texas. Weaver's Houston office is located at 24 Greenway Plaza, Suite 1800, Houston, Texas.

About Weaver

Founded in 1950, Weaver currently has 500+ employees and offices in eight 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 38th largest firm in the United States and a '2015 Best of the Best Firm to Watch' 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.

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