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**Weaver's Jeanne Smith Appointed
To ASWA Regional Director**

DALLAS/FORT WORTH, TEXAS (October 4, 2011) – Jeanne A. Smith, CPA and tax and strategic business services partner at Weaver – the largest certified public accounting firm in the Southwest – was recently appointed to a two-year term as a national regional director of the American Society of Women Accountants (ASWA).

ASWA is a professional organization that enables women in all accounting and related fields to achieve their full personal, professional and economic potential, and to contribute to the future development of their profession.

Regional directors are liaisons between the national board and the local chapter presidents. They provide leadership, a shared vision, a sense of mission and are responsible for the fiscal health of ASWA. Smith is working with the Central Arkansas, Dallas, Fort Worth and DFW/Mid-Cities chapters in the South Central Region and the West Palm Beach, Fla., chapter in the Southeast Region.

“We are proud of Jeanne, her many accomplishments and her involvement with ASWA,” said Tommy D. Lawler, managing partner and CEO. “She represents our firm well, and we know ASWA will benefit from her extensive knowledge and leadership experience.”

Smith has more than 30 years of public accounting experience. She focuses on tax consulting and compliance for corporations and partnerships, as well as individuals. She serves a variety of industries including manufacturing, hospitality, healthcare, real estate and professional service companies. Smith is also a frequent speaker on tax matters, both locally and throughout the state.

Smith earned a bachelor of business administration in accounting from the University of Texas at Arlington, graduating magna cum laude. In addition to the ASWA, where she is a past Chapter president, she is a member of numerous professional and community organizations including the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants (TSCPA) and the TSCPA Fort Worth chapter, and the University of Texas at

Arlington Accounting Advisory Board. Prior leadership positions include Fort Worth Clean City, Inc., the YMCA of Downtown Fort Worth, the National Association of Women in Construction, and the Rotary Club of Fort Worth-South.

About Weaver

Originally founded in 1950, Weaver currently has approximately 450 employees and offices in Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, Midland, Odessa and San Antonio. 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 by *INSIDE Public Accounting*. *Accounting Today* ranks Weaver the 40th largest U.S. firm in their Top 100 Accounting Firms list.

Weaver provides assurance, tax and advisory services to a broad range of clients throughout Texas and beyond. The firm serves companies across a variety of industries, including large national and international corporations, both public and private. In addition to the firm's assurance and tax services, Weaver also provides transaction advisory; forensic accounting and litigation support; international; property tax; state and local tax; estate planning; and wealth transfer services. The firm also provides registered investment advisory services through Weaver Wealth Management. Learn more at www.weaverllp.com.

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