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## **Weaver Promotes Six Professionals to Partner**

***Sara Dempsey, Rob Myatt, Neha Patel, Justin Reeves, Mike Stein and Chad Valentine***

DALLAS-FORT WORTH, Texas (June 30, 2015) – [Weaver](#), the largest independent accounting firm in the Southwest, announces the promotions of the following professionals to partner: Sara Dempsey, assurance services; Rob Myatt, tax and strategic business services; Neha Patel, IT advisory services; Justin Reeves, tax and strategic business services; Mike Stein, risk advisory services and Chad Valentine, assurance services.

“We are pleased to promote these valued employees to partner,” said John J. Mackel III, Weaver’s managing partner and CEO. “Each of them has demonstrated strong technical ability and leadership during their time with the firm, and they continue their commitment to provide outstanding service to our clients. We look forward to seeing their continued growth and leadership in their service lines and locations as they take on their new roles as partners.”



***Sara Dempsey, CPA  
Partner, Assurance Services; Dallas***

[Sara Dempsey](#) joined Weaver’s Dallas office in 2005 and has more than 12 years of public accounting experience, providing financial statement and single audits for government and nonprofit entities. Leading audit engagement teams for municipalities, school districts and nonprofit organizations, Dempsey delivers specialized industry knowledge to her clients, including insight into the rules and regulations associated with nonprofit and governmental accounting, auditing and single audits, as well as the requirements for Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports (CAFR) for the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Award for Excellence. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), Texas Society of Public Accountants (TSCPA) and its Dallas chapter; and the GFOA, serving on the Special Review Committee, and its Texas affiliate (GFOAT); and Women in Public Finance. Civic involvement includes being a mentor to a high school freshman through Big Brothers Big Sisters. She is active in Inspire, Weaver’s women’s initiative, a representative to the Dallas Women of Weaver committee and was recently named Weaver’s “Auditor of the Year.” Dempsey earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting at Texas State University.



***Rob Myatt, CPA***

***Partner, Tax and Strategic Business Services; Dallas***

[Rob Myatt](#) joined Weaver in 2006 as an intern and has more than nine years of public accounting experience with a concentration in consulting and compliance for partnerships, corporations, individuals and state and local income tax. His extensive industry experience includes energy, focusing upstream and midstream oil and gas, and manufacturing. He also has in-depth experience working on multi-state tax issues and serving high-net-worth individuals. Myatt also assists clients with their FIN 48 and FAS 109 income tax calculations. He is a member of AICPA, actively involved with TSCPA and its Dallas Chapter, the Council of Petroleum Accountants Society (COPAS) and the Young Professionals in Energy of Dallas. Within Weaver, Myatt serves on the Education Committee. He earned a Master of Science degree in tax accounting and a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting from Texas Tech University.



***Neha Patel, CPA, CISA***

***Partner, IT Advisory Services; Dallas***

[Neha Patel](#) joined Weaver in 2009 and has more than 13 years of experience in public accounting and internal audit, almost a third of which was with a Big 4 firm. She focuses on governance, risk and compliance and has extensive experience leading outsourced and co-sourced internal audit engagements for public and private companies across several industries including financial services and oil and gas. Patel leads the firm's methodology for executing service organization control (SOC) audits, integrating both her financial reporting and technical knowledge. Her professional organization involvement includes ISACA, through which she received the certified information systems auditor (CISA) certification; the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) and the Texas Bankers Association (TBA). A frequent speaker, Patel has presented topics including third-party risk management, building effective vendor management and SOC reporting requirements. She earned a Master of Professional Accounting degree and a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting and management information systems from The University of Texas at Austin.



***Justin Reeves, CPA***

***Partner, Tax and Strategic Business Services; Dallas***

[Justin Reeves](#) joined Weaver in 2005 as an intern and has almost 10 years of experience in public accounting. He focuses on tax services for high-net-worth individuals, family investment partnerships, private foundations, nonprofit organizations, estates and trusts. He also brings to his clients extensive industry and technical experience including litigation support in executor liability and estate disputes, as well as preparing court-ordered and client-requested fiduciary accountings. Reeves' professional memberships include AICPA, TSCPA and its Dallas chapter, the Dallas Estate Planning Council, where he was a former member of the organization's Board of Governors. He earned a Master of Science degree in taxation and a Bachelor of Science degree in accountancy from the University of North Texas.



***Mike Stein, CPA, CIA***  
***Partner, Risk Advisory; Houston***

[Mike Stein](#) joined Weaver in 2004 as an intern and has 11 years of experience in public accounting including risk management, compliance, business process improvement and internal audit. He focuses on outsourced and co-sourced internal audit, Sarbanes-Oxley (SOX) compliance and business process improvement consulting for the upstream oil and gas, manufacturing and public sector industries. Stein also works with Weaver's renewable and energy compliance industry practice, providing attestation services required by the

Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Code of Federal Regulations. He is a member of AICPA and IIA through which he became a Certified Internal Auditor. He earned a Master of Accountancy degree from The University of Texas at Dallas and a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in finance from Texas Tech University.



***Chad Valentine, CPA***  
***Partner, Assurance Services, Midland***

[Chad Valentine](#) joined Weaver in 2010 and has more than 10 years of experience in public accounting. He focuses on audits, reviews and agreed-upon procedures for energy companies. Valentine's clients include publicly held and private companies, including those that use generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), other comprehensive basis of accounting (OCBOA), full-cost and successful efforts methods basis of accounting.

Valentine is experienced with GAAP to international financial reporting standards (IFRS) conversion and working with Systems, Applications & Products (SAP) systems, specifically R/3 clients. He has also conducted SOX controls testing and compliance and has implemented testing strategies for integrated audits. Valentine's professional memberships include AICPA, TSCPA and its Houston and Midland chapters and Young Professionals in Energy. He earned a bachelor of Business Administration in accounting from Sam Houston State University.

### **About Weaver**

Founded in 1950, Weaver currently has 500+ employees and operates in 10 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 38<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.weaver.com).