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## **Weaver Announces Newest Tax Partner, Benjamin Sparks, JD, LLM, Further Expanding Capabilities in Transaction Advisory Services**

HOUSTON, TEXAS (October 28, 2021) – National certified public accounting and advisory firm Weaver, a top 35 firm in the United States, has added Benjamin “Ben” Sparks, JD, LLM, as a tax partner in its Dallas office. In his new role, Sparks will serve as the lead tax partner for the firm’s transaction advisory engagements.

Sparks joins the firm with more than 20 years of industry experience including several years with a Big Four firm. He is highly skilled in advising companies on transaction-related tax matters such as buy-side tax due diligence review and structuring, sell-side tax modeling and structuring, and deferred tax analysis. Having worked on transactions ranging from \$5 million to over \$600 million, his experience spans across multiple industries including health care, financial services, manufacturing and distribution, construction and telecom.

“Companies turn to Weaver for assistance with a variety of complex transaction matters,” said CEO and Managing Partner John Mackel. “Ben’s reputation, knowledge and experience make him a natural fit for Weaver and our clients across the country.”

Sparks has assisted numerous investment partnerships, including hedge funds, private equity funds and venture capital partnerships, with addressing economic and tax implications of transactions. Additionally, he has experience with federal and international tax matters, such as

cross-border transactions; tax planning; and tax structuring for investment funds, as well as public and private companies.

“Deal volume is on the rise as businesses adjust to the post-pandemic environment,” said Sean Muller, National Tax Practice Leader. “Ben’s diverse transaction experience is a tremendous benefit at this time and underscores Weaver’s commitment to helping companies navigate their most complicated tax issues.”

Sparks holds a bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Texas at Arlington, a Juris Doctor (JD) from the Fordham University School of Law, and a Master of Laws (LLM) from the New York University School of Law.

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