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## **Weaver Expands West Coast Assurance Practice with the Addition of Ian Lawson, CPA**

TEXAS (December 5, 2018) – National accounting firm [Weaver](#), one of the 40 largest Certified Public Accounting firms in the United States, announced today that Ian Lawson, CPA, will join the firm as an audit partner in its Manhattan Beach office. Lawson will help lead Weaver’s accelerating growth in the Los Angeles area, which began in 2014 when the firm opened an office there focused on the financial services industry. Weaver’s West Coast practice now offers a full complement of services including assurance, tax, advisory, forensics, valuation and energy compliance services.

Before joining Weaver, Lawson was an audit partner for Kling & Pathak LLP, a Los Angeles–based accounting and consulting firm, where he not only served clients but also advised firm staff regarding complex accounting matters such as stock-based compensation, complex equity transactions, revenue recognition, consolidations, business combinations and issues involving the Securities and Exchange Commission and Sarbanes-Oxley compliance. He has particularly focused on clients in the manufacturing and distribution, hospitality, franchise and service industries, as well as employee benefit plans.

“Ian’s sophisticated understanding of accounting standards, public companies and SEC issues will help Weaver expand its West Coast assurance practice even further,” said John Mackel, CPA, the firm’s CEO and managing partner. “Both his technical skills and his ability to coach rising professionals will support our continued growth in the Los Angeles area and nationwide.”

Lawson will lead audit, review, compilation and consulting services for both public and private clients, with a focus on integrated audits meeting SOX requirements for internal controls over financial reporting. These services will be part of Weaver's comprehensive portfolio of offerings, which include audits and other assurance services; federal, international, state and local tax services; IT advisory services; risk advisory services such as internal audit and SOX compliance; forensics and litigation services; transaction services; and energy compliance services.

### **About Weaver**

Weaver has built a nationwide presence on an unwavering commitment to its clients' success, acting with integrity and always striving to transcend expectations. The firm has grown to be the 37<sup>th</sup> largest firm in the United States, according to *INSIDE Public Accounting*; it is also ranked the largest independent accounting firm based in the Southwest by *Accounting Today* magazine. Weaver employs more than 700 people in nine offices from coast to coast.

From Fortune 500 multinational companies to start-ups, Weaver is a national firm serving commercial, financial services and government clients. The firm is particularly well known in the financial services, energy, manufacturing and distribution, construction, technology, real estate and health care industries, as well as the public sector. Weaver services go beyond traditional assurance and tax services to include risk advisory, transaction advisory, IT advisory, energy compliance and consulting, forensics and litigation services, and specialty tax services such as international tax, state and local tax and private client services. Learn more at [www.weaver.com](http://www.weaver.com).

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