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Weaver Continues Rapid Expansion with Addition of In-House Counsel

HOUSTON, TEXAS (March 13, 2019) – Accounting firm <u>Weaver</u>, which has grown from a regional firm to a national presence with offices coast to coast, today announced the addition of its sixth new partner or director in four months. The newest partner is Frank McElroy, J.D., who joined the certified public accounting firm as its in-house legal counsel. McElroy has more than a decade of experience guiding and defending CPAs. He will manage Weaver's corporate legal needs and will be active in the firm's contract and acquisition negotiation, quality review teams and risk management.

Weaver CEO and Managing Partner John Mackel said, "As the firm continues to grow, so does our need for legal expertise. Frank has worked with us as outside counsel on a variety of legal issues, including quality and risk management, contract matters and regulatory filings. His excellent work for Weaver and his commitment to the accounting profession made him our top choice for in-house counsel."

McElroy earned his law degree from the University of Houston Law Center; he also earned both bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration from the University of Houston Bauer College of Business. Formerly the managing shareholder of Forrest McElroy, PC, Frank has spent more than 10 years guiding and defending CPAs, primarily on issues related to licensing,

client disputes and litigation.

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 37th 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.

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