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**Weaver Announces Executive Leadership Changes and
Expansion of Leadership Team:
*Sean Muller, Trey Hunt and Kevin Sanford***

HOUSTON (May 23, 2018) – [Weaver](#), the largest independent accounting firm based in the Southwest, will expand and realign its executive leadership team to support growth of the firm and provide better service for clients. Effective June 1, 2018, [Sean Muller](#) will be promoted to chief operating officer of tax services and [Trey Hunt](#) to partner-in-charge of a new national commercial services industry practice. The expanded executive leadership team will also include [Kevin Sanford](#), partner-in-charge of the national financial services industry practice. Muller, Hunt and Sanford join current executive team members [John Mackel](#), managing partner and CEO; [David Rook](#), chief operating officer for assurance and advisory services; and [Kerry Caves](#), chief operating officer for the firm.

“These changes will better position Weaver to achieve our vision and strategy,” said CEO John Mackel. “They will help us address new market opportunities, maximize professional growth for our people, and leverage the skills and potential of more leaders across the firm.”



[Sean Muller](#), CPA

Chief Operating Officer, Tax Services

Muller, who offices in Houston, joined Weaver as a tax partner in 2011. He has more than 25 years of experience providing tax and consulting services for publicly traded corporations and private entities, including international tax coordination. He moves into the COO position from his previous role as partner-in-charge of tax and strategic business services for Weaver’s Southwest Texas region, where he nourished significant growth and success.

Muller’s diverse experience spans industries such as energy, real estate, engineering services, industrial services and distribution. He is an active member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants (TSCPA). Muller earned a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree in professional accounting from the University of Texas at Austin.



Melvin F. "Trey" Hunt III, CPA

Partner-in-Charge, National Commercial Services Industry Practice

Hunt, in the Houston office, joined Weaver as a senior manager in 2007 and was named partner in 2010. He has more than 17 years in public accounting, including Big Four experience. Hunt previously led assurance services for Weaver's Southwest Texas region; before that, he led the oil and gas industry practice. In his new role, he will work with Weaver's commercial industry leaders to develop new strategies and initiatives to grow the industry groups firm wide. With significant experience in oil and gas accounting, SEC filings, international audit coordination, hedge accounting, revenue recognition and stock-based compensation, Hunt provides services to private and publicly-held businesses in energy and manufacturing. He will now also work closely with private equity partners to leverage relationships and expand Weaver's commercial services offerings in Texas, California and beyond. An active member of the Petroleum Accounting Society of Houston, AICPA and TSCPA, Hunt remains on the forefront of industry and regulation changes. He graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting from Sam Houston State University.



Kevin Sanford, CPA

Partner-in-Charge, National Financial Services Practice

Sanford, who offices in Dallas/Fort Worth, began his career at Weaver in 2000 and was named partner in 2009. He has led Weaver's financial services industry practice since 2010, serving a wide variety of companies in the financial services industry, including approximately 700 investment companies, as well as financial institutions, real estate entities, broker-dealers, insurance and endowments, pension funds and trusts. In his expanded role, he will lead growth and strategy for this practice nationwide. An active member of the Texas Hedge Fund Association, he is also involved with the Southeastern and California hedge fund associations, AICPA and TSCPA. Sanford graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in business administration from Texas Christian University.

About Weaver

Founded in 1950, Weaver currently has more than 700 employees and offices in nine 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 38th largest firm in the United States and among the "2017 Best of the Best Accounting Firms" by *INSIDE Public Accounting*.

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