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Wessel & Company Announces New Shareholders & Principal

Wessel & Company, a regional certified public accounting and business consulting firm, is pleased to announce that Patrick J. Bearjar, CPA and Joel Valentine, CPA have been named shareholders in the firm and Patricia A. Hudson, CPA has been named principal.



Patrick J. Bearjar, CPA, to the position Shareholder. Patrick joined the firm 10 years ago in the audit department and has held the position of audit manager. As a member of the Firm, Patrick has primary responsibilities in the areas of auditing and accounting services. His experience includes a wide range of responsibilities with emphasis in the manufacturing, construction and defense contracting industries. He is a member of the PICPA, the National Contract Management Association, and the American Production and Inventory Society and is the current Treasurer for the Greater Johnstown Cambria County Chamber of Commerce.



Joel Valentine CPA, CM&AA, to the position of Shareholder. Joel has been with the firm for 8 years and has held the position of audit manager. Joel provides consulting and audit services to governmental, nonprofit and commercial entities. He is a certified merger and acquisition advisor and is committed to staying abreast of continuing new developments in the profession. Joel is a member of the PICPA and the serves on the board of the Cambria County Convention and Visitor's Bureau. He is a frequent speaker at the PICPA Local Government Conference and the Pennsylvania County Controller's Conference.



Patti A. Hudson, CPA, to the position of Principal. Patti has been with the firm for 17 years and has held the position of senior tax manager. Her areas of expertise include tax consulting with a specialty in Small Business Consulting services. She has helped countless business owners improve their finances and operations. She also focuses her talents to ElderCare services and College Planning. In her new position, she will assume a leadership role within the firm and specifically the tax department. Patti is a member of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

All of us with the firm join in congratulating them. Wessel & Company is a veteran owned certified public accounting and business consulting firm. The Firm is known for its expertise in tax consulting, auditing and accounting, litigation support services, as well as business consulting services. It is a privately held firm that has been providing an array of financial and consulting services to a cross-section of government, business and industry, and individuals since 1958. Most recently, the Firm was named to the list of the “Top 100 Best Places to Work in PA” for 2010 and named to the list of the “Top 100 Best Accounting Firms to Work for” by *Accounting Today*.