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Porter Keadle Moore, LLP Hires New Tax Partner

Former "Big Four" Partner Brings 25 Years of Experience to Firm

November 1, 2006 – Atlanta, GA – In a strategic move aimed at furthering the firm's growth initiatives, Porter Keadle Moore, LLP (PKM) announced that long time Deloitte Tax Partner, Dawn Patrick, will join the Atlanta-based accounting, tax, and consulting firm. The addition, effective November 13, 2006, brings the number of PKM partners up to nine.

“To have someone of Dawn’s experience and caliber join our firm provides validation of the culture we’ve worked hard to create,” said Phil Moore, PKM Managing Partner. “She, like many of her ‘Big Four’ colleagues, sought employment at a regional firm to enable her to get back to the basics of serving the needs of middle market clients.” It is these middle market clients that have earned PKM a spot on *Public Accounting Report’s* list of fastest growing firms. The firm, which is ranked 85th in the nation, has averaged 12% growth over the last five years and expects that number to grow substantially in future years.

Patrick will work closely with Pat Tuley, PKM’s lead Tax Partner, who also joined PKM from a “Big Four” firm nearly four years ago. “Dawn will fit in nicely with the PKM tax team,” said Tuley. “She is obviously technically talented, but she also shares a similar mindset with the rest of the tax department management and has strong skills in three key areas: relationship building, business development and client service, all of which are very important to PKM.”

PKM expects to draw upon Patrick’s experience as a business developer, building off relationships she has fostered over the years. Her background is varied, having worked with closely-held and public companies in the technology, biotech, manufacturing and retail industries. She is also widely known in technology circles and has served leadership roles in both the Technology Association of Georgia and Women in Technology.

“Having Dawn at PKM is exciting on so many levels,” said Debbie Sessions, PKM Partner and Chief Operating Officer. “Like me, Dawn shares a passion for women’s issues. She led Deloitte’s Atlanta office Initiative for the Advancement and Retention of Women for five years and served as a mentor to high performing women through Pathbuilders. Dawn being a part of PKM enables us to have even more focus on the needs of women within the firm and enhances our ability to support women in the community.”

About PKM

Porter Keadle Moore, LLP (PKM) is a full-service accounting and consulting firm based in Atlanta, Georgia. One of the top CPA firms in the city with nine partners and 65 total staff, PKM offers accounting, auditing, tax, and information technology assurance and consulting services to clients throughout the country. The firm was founded in 1977 and focuses its efforts on companies registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), community banks, the insurance industry, broker-dealers and real estate/construction companies. For more information visit www.pkm.com or call 404-588-4200.

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