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HABIF, AROGETI & WYNNE, LLP NAMES RICHARD KOPELMAN AS NEXT MANAGING PARTNER TO  
SUCCEED DAN SIMMS

*Kopelman to continue growing firm by servicing high-growth, private and publicly-traded companies*

ATLANTA- January 3, 2012—Habif, Arogeti & Wynne (HA&W), Georgia’s largest independent accounting firm, announced today that Richard Kopelman has been named the next managing partner of the firm, succeeding Dan Simms, effective in 2013. Dan and Richard will work together over the next 12 months in transition to the role as Dan serves the firm in this capacity and completes his nine-year term.

During his term as managing partner, Simms grew HA&W’s accrual base revenues by more than 230 percent, expanding the firm to prominence across the southeast. In addition, Simms’ leadership in the accounting profession made HA&W the first accounting firm to go paperless, over a decade ago, which at the same time increased the level of service to its clients and reduced overall costs by nearly 20 percent.

“My experiences as managing partner of this firm have been overwhelmingly positive. The entire HA&W team is dedicated to the work they do to help our clients prosper, creating a dynamic, progressive work environment,” said Simms. “Richard’s strong leadership qualities make him a perfect fit for this position, and with Richard at the reins, I know the firm is in very capable hands.”

Kopelman, who joined the firm in 1992, has been instrumental in growing HA&W to its current level as the largest independent accounting firm in Atlanta and a top 50 firm in the U.S. As leader of HA&W’s Manufacturing and Distribution Practice, Kopelman has been helping create and support a manufacturing renaissance across the state of Georgia.

“It is a tremendous honor to be named to the position of managing partner,” said Kopelman. “And I am truly humbled that my fellow partners at the firm are confident in my leadership skills and ability to take this firm to the next level of success.”

Kopelman, along with the entire HA&W staff, is very involved in the Atlanta community, dedicating time and resources to charities across the state. In particular, Kopelman currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Association for Corporate Growth and most recently founded Next Generation Manufacturing, which is designed to support innovation as a tactic for manufacturing growth in Georgia. Next Generation Manufacturing held its inaugural program at Georgia Tech on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 with more than 206 executives of local manufacturers in attendance.

“Richard is a growth-oriented leader, which is exactly what the firm needs as we move forward,” said Merrill Wynne, one of the firm’s founding partners. “Richard possesses the key competencies of a strong leader, and I am looking forward to his fresh ideas, new organizational structure and strategic direction as he leads the firm.”

**About Habif, Arogeti & Wynne, LLP:**

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