



HA&W Announces Promotions

*Georgia's Largest Independent Accounting and Business Advisory Firm
Announces New Sr. Managers, Managers, and Senior Staff*

ATLANTA, August 7 -- Habif, Arogeti & Wynne, LLP, Georgia's largest independent accounting and business advisory firm has promoted three senior managers, seven managers, four senior accountants, and one operations team leader.

Those promoted to senior manager include:

- **Jennifer Balleza**, who is part of the audit group, provides services for clients across the United States and abroad in the areas of auditing, general accounting, revenue recognition, and contract accounting for both large and small technology, telecommunication, manufacturing, and distribution companies. She is a Certified Public Accountant and a graduate of the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.
- **Jennifer Birtz**, who is part of the tax group, works extensively with corporations, S-corporations, partnerships and individuals in the insurance, real estate, manufacturing, technology, and retail industries. She provides service in the areas of compilations and reviews. She specializes in the manufacturing, distribution and technology industries. Jennifer earned both her Bachelor and Master's degrees from the University of Florida.
- **Brent Saunier** works with corporate, partnership and individual clients in the Advisory Business Services Group of HA&W. He specializes in the manufacturing, professional services and multi-unit retail / franchise industries. Brent is a Certified Public Accountant and a graduate of Georgia State University.

Those promoted to manager include:

- **Katie Adams** works primarily with clients in the healthcare and professional practices industries in the Advisory and Business Services group. She is a Certified Public Accountant. She attended Furman University for her undergraduate studies and the University of Georgia for her masters of accounting.
- **Jessica Ard** works closely with corporate and international clients in the Tax Group. She specializes in the manufacturing and technology industries. She is a Certified Public Accountant and a graduate of Georgia Southern University.

- **Christopher Belknap** works closely with clients in the medical and real estate industries for the Advisory and Business Services Group at HA&W, LLP. He is a Certified Public Accountant and a graduate of the University of Georgia.
- **Ori Epstein** is a Certified Public Accountant and graduate of the University of Georgia, where he received his BBA and Masters in Accounting. He works closely with individuals, public and private corporations, and partnerships in the technology, real estate, retail, and distribution industries. He serves clients on a wide variety of federal and state tax issues and has experience working on financial statement audits in the retail and real estate industries.
- **Tommy Lee** is a manager with Habib Arogeti and Wynne in the Advisory and Business Services group. His specialties include pass through entities, corporations, business combinations and individual taxation. His cliental includes small to midsized business, real estate partnerships, family owned businesses, software companies and their owners. Tommy received his undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia.
- **Seth Peabody** is a manager in Habib, Arogeti & Wynne, LLP's Tax Advisory and Business Services Group. He possesses extensive experience in closely-held businesses, multiple state income tax fillings, and captive insurance. However, his experience encompasses many other industries such as Medical Practices, Construction, Professional Service Firms, and Real Estate.
- **Mark Torphy** works with high net worth individuals and their entities in the Advisory and Business Services group, managing the Sports and Creative Industries (SACI) practice, focusing on athletes, musicians and other individuals in the creative industries. He is a Certified Public Accountant and a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Those promoted to Senior Accountant include:

- **Walter Davis** is a Certified Public Accountant in the Audit group of HA&W. He works closely with public and privately held companies operating in service, manufacturing and distribution industries. Walter received his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration-Accounting and Finance from the University of West Georgia.
- **Olga Hebert**, who is part of the tax group, specializes in corporate, partnership, and individual taxation. She graduated from the University of Georgia and is currently in the process of obtaining her CPA license.
- **Kelly Millar**, who works in the Advisory and Business Services group, prepares tax returns for high net worth individuals as well as family partnerships, estates, trusts, and

gift. She is a Certified Public Accountant and a graduate from Kennesaw State University.

- **Jill Nowicki**, works primarily with clients in the medical industry in the advisory business services group. She is a Certified Public Accountant and a graduate of Berry College.

Specialist promoted to Operations Team Leader:

- **Vicki Bateman** is part of the Tegra Financial Partners group. She will be supervising the operations and support staff in areas such as administrative duties and client services for both new and existing accounts.

HA&W (www.hawcpa.com) is the largest independent certified public accounting and business advisory firm in Georgia and one of the top 50 firms in the country. Its services range from accounting to tax and business consulting, retirement plan administration, financial staffing and personal financial planning. The firm's more than 350 professionals provide financial solutions to more than 7,000 clients in a variety of industries. HA&W is a member of Baker Tilly International, an association of leading independent accounting firms worldwide.

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