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PORTLAND, OR – Perkins & Company, P.C., Portland’s largest locally owned public accounting firm, is thrilled to announce the recent addition of Carol-Ann Simon as Shareholder and director of the firm’s Expatriate Tax Services practice group.

Ms. Simon’s experience includes over 25 years in the field, 22 specializing in the unique Expatriate practice. “We are fortunate to have Carol-Ann join our shareholder team,” states Gary Reynolds, President. “Bringing Carol-Ann’s specialized skills to Perkins allows us the opportunity to expand our services and offer businesses hard-to-find expertise with a local and personal approach. Carol-Ann has been a leader in expatriate tax services and will continue to be a key player in this field at Perkins.”

Ms. Simon’s expertise includes coordinating global tax compliance, tax-effective compensation, cross border planning, employee relocation issues and tax equalization policies. She also has a vast knowledge in transitioning large expatriate tax engagements. Ms. Simon’s career spans experience in both the US and abroad, giving her a unique ability to understand the dual-country implications of a foreign assignment. These distinct, hard-to-find skills allow Perkins to create another specialty niche to benefit clients’ ever-evolving needs.

Ms. Simon earned her Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Toronto and is both a US CPA and Canadian Chartered Accountant. Prior to joining Perkins & Company, Carol-Ann was the partner in charge of BDO Seidman’s Expatriate Tax Services group and served as BDO Seidman’s U.S. liaison to the BDO International Center of Excellence for Expatriate Tax Services.

About Perkins & Company, P.C.

Perkins & Company, P.C. was founded in Portland in 1986 and has grown to be the largest locally based accounting firm in the Portland metro area. For more than 20 years, we have built an excellent reputation by providing value, keeping our company and our clients growing, and enjoying our work. Today, there are two entities in addition to the accounting firm: Perkins Consulting, LLC and Pacific Investment Advisors, LLC. In addition to the accounting firm, these combined entities employ more than 120 employees in one office in downtown Portland. Perkins is also an independent member of the BDO Seidman Alliance. Despite our growth, the firm has stayed its course as a single, local office working with traditional Northwest businesses—companies that are the backbone of our region’s economy

About the BDO Seidman Alliance

The BDO Seidman Alliance is a nationwide association of independently owned local and regional CPA firms and businesses sharing a dedication to exemplary client service. Our alliance gives us access to all of BDO Seidman, LLP’s resources, including their 37 national offices and 300 alliance offices. In addition, we have access to BDO Seidman’s parent, BDO International, and its global network of 624 member firms expanding across 110 countries.

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