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### **Blue & Co., LLC Announces Promotions**

Carmel, Ind. (August 15, 2016) – Blue & Co., LLC is proud to announce the following employee promotions. We congratulate these individuals in achieving the next level in their careers here at Blue & Co., and we wish them continued success.

#### **Indianapolis, Indiana**

**Angie Babb, CPC, has been promoted to Senior Manager.** Babb joined Blue & Co. in 2015, and specializes in physician coding. She attended Indiana University-Purdue University Kokomo, where she earned her associate degree in Allied Health Respiratory Therapy, and DeVry University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in Healthcare Management.

**Landon Hackett has been promoted to Senior Manager.** Hackett has been with Blue & Co. since 2012, and specializes in healthcare reimbursement. He attended the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University and IUPUI, where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing and his master's degree in Accountancy.

**Alex Eads, CPA, CVA, has been promoted to Senior Accountant.** Eads joined Blue & Co. in 2014 as a staff accountant in the valuation and forensic services group. He also serves as a member of Blue & Co.'s valuation and healthcare strategy group. Eads attended Indiana University's Kelley School of Business where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Finance.

**Austin Fisher has been promoted to Senior Accountant.** Fisher joined Blue & Co. in 2014, as a staff accountant on the reimbursement team. Fisher focuses on preparing Medicare and Medicaid cost reports for hospitals and nursing homes. He attended the Kelley School of Business at IUPUI where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Finance.

**Abby McDonough, CPA, has been promoted to Senior Accountant.** McDonough joined Blue & Co. as an audit intern in 2013. Her primary duties include audits of financial statements and retirement funds for community health facilities, hospitals and mental health facilities. McDonough attended Purdue University's Krannert School of Management where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Management.

**William (Billy) McNeely Jr. has been promoted to Senior Accountant.** McNeely joined Blue & Co. in 2014, as a staff accountant on the audit team. His primary duties include assisting with audits of

financial statements and retirement funds for community health facilities, hospitals and mental health facilities. McNeely attended the Kelley Business School at Indiana University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Finance, and a master's degree in Accounting.

### **Columbus, Ohio**

**Helen Hoffman has been promoted to Senior Accountant.** Hoffman joined SBV in 1999, which merged with Blue & Co. in 2007. She currently works in business services, compiling monthly financial statements for clients and helping with accounts payable and receivable, payroll and anything else her clients need on a monthly basis.

**Jacob Wethington, CPA, has been promoted to Senior Accountant.** Wethington joined Blue & Co. in 2014, and works on the audit team. Wethington attended the University of Kentucky where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Accounting.

### **Louisville, Kentucky** (healthcare)

**Rebecca Burrus, CPA, CHFP, has been promoted to Senior Accountant.** Burrus joined Blue & Co. in 2013, as a staff accountant and works in healthcare reimbursement. Her primary responsibilities are responding to client needs for information and informing clients of opportunities and concerns regarding their reimbursement for bad debts and cost report preparation. Burrus earned her bachelor's degree in Accounting from the University of Kentucky and her master's degree in Accountancy from the University of Louisville.

**William W. Pfund III has been promoted to Senior Accountant.** William joined Blue & Co., LLC in January 2014 and has continued to work as a member of the healthcare audit team. He attended Marian University where he received his Bachelor of Science in both Accounting and Finance.

**Preston Theiss has been promoted to Senior Accountant.** Theiss joined Blue & Co. in 2014, as a staff accountant. He is primarily responsible for preparing Medicare and Medicaid cost reports and various reimbursement projects. Theiss received his Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the University of Kentucky and his Master of Science in Sports Administration from the University of Louisville.

### **Louisville, Kentucky** (commercial)

**Rob Kester, CPA, ABV, CFF, has been promoted to Senior Manager.** Kester joined Blue & Co. in 2015, and works in the business valuation and litigation support group. He attended the University of Kentucky where he earned both bachelor's and master's degrees in Accounting.

**Paula McConville, CPA, has been promoted to Senior Manager.** McConville joined Blue & Co. in 2008, and works in the tax department. She specializes in tax and accounting work with small businesses with a subspecialty in with independent physicians and dentists. McConville attended the University of Notre Dame where she received her Bachelor of Science in Accounting.

**William Dixon, CPA, has been promoted to Senior Accountant.** Dixon joined Blue & Co. as a tax intern in 2013, and now primarily works on corporate and individual tax returns. He attended Marian University where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and Finance.

**Caleb Fox has been promoted to Senior Accountant.** Fox joined Blue & Co. as staff accountant in 2014. He attended the University of Louisville where he earned his Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting.

### **Lexington, Kentucky**

**Miranda Aavatsmark, CPA, has been promoted to Manager.** Aavatsmark joined Blue & Co. in 2015, and specializes in tax and accounting. She attended the University of Kentucky where she earned two bachelor degrees in Accounting and Finance.

**Dominique Waits, CPA, CGMA, has been promoted to Manager.** Waits joined Blue & Co. in 2004. Her duties and responsibilities consist of tax preparation, business services, Quickbooks training and client development. Waits attended Transylvania University where she received her Bachelor of Arts in Accounting.

**Joseph Duruttya, CPA, has been promoted to Senior Accountant.** Duruttya joined Blue & Co. in 2013, as a staff accountant on the audit team. He attended the University of Kentucky where he received his bachelor's and master's degrees in Accounting.

**Brenda Begley has been promoted to Senior Accounting Specialist.** Begley has been with Blue & Co. for more than 25 years. Her areas of expertise are payroll, payroll taxes, sales tax, accounts payable, bookkeeping and financial statements. Begley attended the University of Kentucky where she received her Accounting Technology degree.

### **Seymour, Indiana**

**Andrew Brock, CPA, has been promoted to Senior Accountant.** Brock joined Blue & Co. in 2013, as an intern and is a member of the audit team. He received his bachelor's degree in Accounting from the University of Notre Dame. Brock has industry experience in agricultural cooperatives, manufacturing, construction, non-profit, and employee benefit plans.

**Jessica Hidalgo, CPA, has been promoted to Senior Accountant.** Hidalgo joined Blue & Co. in 2015, in the tax and business services team. She performs a wide range of tax work, including individual, business, trusts, estates and payroll taxes. Hidalgo attended Indiana University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in Accounting, Finance and Spanish, and IUPUI, where she obtained her master's in Accounting.

**Rachel Sterling, CPA, has been promoted to Senior Accountant.** Sterling joined Blue & Co. in 2013, as a staff accountant in the audit department. She is now a member of the tax department and performs a wide range of tax work, including individual business, trust and not-for-profit. She attended IUPUI where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Finance.

### **Columbus, Indiana**

**Katy Ritter, CPA, CSEP, has been promoted to Senior Manager.** Ritter has over 26 years of experience in public accounting. She specializes in high net worth tax compliance and planning. She has a Bachelor of Science degree from Northern Illinois University.

**Debra Anne Gill, CPA, has been promoted to Manager.** Gill joined Blue & Co. in 2001, and works on the tax and business services team. She attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Accounting.

**Stephanie Flora, CPA, has been promoted to Senior Accountant.** Flora joined Blue & Co. in 2011, and works primarily with the tax and business services team. She attended Indiana State University where she received her Bachelor of Science in Accounting.

**Kari Storey has been promoted to Senior Payroll Specialist.** Storey joined Blue & Co. in 2012. She attended the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville, Indiana.

**Susie Bullard has been promoted to Tax Accounting Specialist.** Bullard has nearly 30 years of experience with Blue & Co. She joined the administrative team in 1987 after receiving her associate degree in Small Business Operations. Bullard works primarily with high net worth individual income taxes.

**Jennifer Rutan has been promoted to Office Manager.** Rutan joined Blue & Co. in 2010, as an administrative assistant. She attended Vincennes University, where she received her associate degree in Management, and Ball State University, where she received her bachelor's degree in Marketing.

#### **Carmel, Indiana**

**Michael Brutout has been promoted to Senior Accountant.** Brutout joined Blue & Co. in 2015, as a staff accountant. He attended Ball State University where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Accounting.

**Peter Hillenbrand has been promoted to Senior Accountant.** Hillenbrand joined Blue & Co. in 2016, as a staff accountant on the valuation team. He performs valuations for all business types to assist with transfers, gifting, estate planning, partner dissolutions and many other applications. Hillenbrand attended the University of Southern Indiana where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Communications and brings a strong background in commercial real estate appraising.

**Amy Hughes has been promoted to Senior Accountant.** Hughes joined Blue & Co. in 2011, and works in tax, specializing in small business, individual and EGT taxation. She attended Butler University where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Accounting.

**Joseph Mattingly has been promoted to Senior Accountant.** Mattingly joined Blue & Co. in 2013, and works on the audit team. His responsibilities include testing of accounting records through assurance tests, reviewing and testing internal controls, preparing and reviewing financial statements and their related disclosures, and drafting correspondence with management regarding significant audit and financial issues. Mattingly attended Indiana University where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Finance.

**Carol Fischer, CPA, has been promoted to Senior Accounting Specialist.** Fischer joined Blue & Co. in 2014, as a senior accountant on the business services team. Her duties and responsibilities include assisting with financial statement compilations, reviews and audits. She also assists the tax team in preparing tax returns for corporations, partnerships, and individuals, as well as payroll tax returns. Fischer attended Walsh College where she earned her Bachelor of Accountancy degree.

**Bridgette Mugge has been promoted to Senior Accounting Specialist.** Mugge joined Blue & Co. in 2015,

as an accounting specialist working primarily with the tax team. She is a graduate of the University of Illinois, where she received bachelor's degrees in both Accounting and Finance.

**Christopher Reid has been promoted to Senior Accountant.** Reid joined Blue & Co. in 2012. He works on the tax team and is primarily responsible for preparing tax returns. Reid has a bachelor's degree in theatre from Hanover College, and an associate degree in Accounting and Finance from Harrison College.

### **Cincinnati, Ohio**

**Claire Archibald, CPA, has been promoted to Senior Accountant.** Archibald joined Blue & Co. in 2015, and works with the audit team. She received her Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the University of Kentucky and her Master of Business Administration from Xavier University.

### **About Blue and Co.**

Blue & Co., LLC is an independent accounting and advisory firm with 400 people in 13 offices across Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Texas. With over 45 years of experience, Blue & Co.'s public accounting expertise includes the practice areas of assurance, tax compliance and consulting, healthcare consulting, benefit plan services, valuation and litigation support, and business services. Its industry specializations include healthcare, construction, nonprofit, manufacturing & distribution, technology, financial services organizations, and agribusiness.

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