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Blue & Co., LLC Senior Manager Receives Standing Ovation Award from AICPA

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (November 11, 2016) – The American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) recognized Blue & Co., LLC Senior Manager, Robert Kester, CPA, ABV, CFF, with a Standing Ovation for his contributions to the areas of forensic accounting and business valuation.



Kester joined the business valuation group of Blue & Co. in 2015, and he has ten plus years of experience in public accounting, primarily working in the areas of business valuation and assurance. Kester has the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Master of Science in Accounting from the University of Kentucky. Additionally, he has the accreditations of Certified Public Accountant, Accredited in Business Valuation, and Certified in Financial Forensics.

Kester is active in the community serving on the Board of Directors for the ALS Association of Kentucky, and the Carriage House. He also chairs the Small Business Committee for KYCPA, and serves as a finance committee member for the Center for Women and Families.

Kester was among the 25 CPAs awarded at the AICPA 2016 Forensic & Valuation Services (FVS) Conference in Nashville.

The Standing Ovation program annually recognizes young CPAs who exhibit outstanding professional achievement in specialization areas, such as forensic accounting and business valuation services. Requirements for nomination to the Standing Ovation program for the FVS specialty area include maintaining an active CPA license, being an AICPA member in good standing, and holding either a Certified in Financial Forensics (CFF) or Accredited in Business Valuation (ABV) specialty credential. Nominees must be 40 years old or younger.

More details and a full list of the 2016 FVS Standing Ovation recipients can be found at: <https://www.aicpa.org/PRESS/PRESSRELEASES/2016/Pages/AICPA-Standing-Ovation-Honors-25-Top-Young-CPAs-in-Forensics-and-Valuation-Services.aspx>.

About Blue and Co.

Blue & Co., LLC is an independent accounting and advisory firm with more than 450 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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