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PKF O'Connor Davies Appoints Thomas Blaney to Regional Head of New England

Established industry leader will oversee regional growth and integrate new partnerships in expanded role

New York, NY (December 6, 2019) –PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP, one of the nation's largest accounting, tax, and advisory firms, announced today it has appointed Thomas Blaney to Regional Head of New England. Blaney currently serves as Partner at the Firm and Director of the Private Foundation Practice. He also leads the Firm's Governance Committee. In his new role, Blaney will be responsible for financial and operational oversight of all of the Firm's New England offices while leading our strategic growth initiative and expansion plans from Stamford, CT, to Boston.

"Tom is a proven industry leader and a trusted member of the PKF O'Connor Davies leadership team," said Kevin J. Keane, Managing Partner. "As we expand our footprint in New England and build out the services and solutions we offer, we need a leader who can ensure that growth matches our culture and our commitment to next-level client service. Tom's long career with the Firm and his experience in governance and executive leadership make him the perfect choice to oversee this ongoing effort."

Blaney has more than 35 years of industry experience specializing in the accounting and tax aspects of exempt organizations and has been with the Firm for nearly two decades. In addition to his role as leader of the Firm's Governance Committee, he served on the Executive Committee for more than 10 years. In his role as Regional Head of New England, he will use this governance and leadership experience to forge strong cultural and operational partnerships with firms joining PKF O'Connor Davies in the New England area. This will include ensuring efficient transitions as well as facilitating collaboration at locations throughout New England and with all of the Firm's offices.

"I'm proud of the role I've played in shaping the direction of the Firm as it's expanded into new geographic areas and service capabilities, and this new position enables me to utilize that experience in a meaningful new way," said Blaney. "I look forward to incorporating what makes our Firm the best in the business into new partnerships and opportunities for growth throughout New England."

Blaney is a recognized thought leader and frequent speaker, author and contributor to events and articles related to private foundations and not-for-profit topics. His work has appeared in The Wall Street Journal, Barron's and other leading business publications. He is a Certified Fraud Examiner, licensed CPA in the states of Florida, New York and Pennsylvania, and was also appointed to the Panel on the Nonprofit Sector's "990 PF Reform Advisory Committee."

In 2015, Blaney received the "Ahead of the Curve" award, which is presented to the CPA who stays ahead of new legislation and trends on behalf of his clients. He is also a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants (NYSSCPA) and American Society of Fraud Examiners. He is on the boards of several not-for-profits including Exponent Philanthropy, McCaddin McQuirk Foundation and Breezy Point Disaster Relief Fund. Additionally, he is on the Audit & Investment Committee of the Hudson Valley Chapter of the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

PKF O'Connor Davies has 11 offices in five states as it continues to expand through organic growth and acquisitions on the East Coast. It has supported this growth with a strategic combination of promoting from within coupled with tactical external hires.

About PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP

PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP is a full service certified public accounting and advisory firm with a long history of serving clients both domestically and internationally. With roots tracing to 1891, 11 offices in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Maryland and Rhode Island and more than 800 professionals led by over 100 partners, the Firm provides a complete range of accounting, auditing, tax and management advisory services.

PKF O'Connor Davies is a top-ranked firm according to Accounting Today's 2019 "Top 100 Firms" list and the Firm is also recognized as a "Leader in Audit and Accounting," a "Pacesetter in Growth" and one of the "Top Firms in the Mid-Atlantic." In 2019, PKF O'Connor Davies was named one of Vault's Accounting 50, a ranking of the 50 best accounting employers to work for in North America and ranked among the top 50 most prestigious accounting firms in America in a complementary Vault survey. The Firm is the 12th largest accounting firm in the New York Metropolitan area, according to Crain's New York Business, and the 10th top accounting firm in New Jersey according to NJBiz's 2018 rankings.

PKF O'Connor Davies is enrolled in the AICPA Peer Review Program and has central memberships in the Private Companies Practice Section (PCPS), the Employee Benefit Plan Audit Quality Center (EBPAQC), Government Audit Quality Center (GAQC) and Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB).

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