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PKF O'Connor Davies Hires Elizabeth Gousse Ballotte as Principal

Noted consultancy professional to enhance Firm's Advisory and Private Foundations practices

New York, NY (June 22, 2021) - PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP, one of the nation's largest accounting, tax, and advisory firms, announced today that it has hired Elizabeth Gousse Ballotte to serve as Principal. Ballotte, a trusted advisor with over 15 years of operational and organizational consulting and management experience, will lend her expertise to both the Firm's Advisory and Private Foundations practices. Ballotte's hiring reflects an ongoing effort by the Firm to expand its Advisory and management consultancy offerings and deepen its ability to help clients strategically navigate periods of change and opportunity for their businesses.

"Elizabeth was a critical part of the PKF O'Connor Davies team for nearly a decade, and we're thrilled to now welcome her back to the Firm," said Jonathan Moore, Partner-in-Charge of Advisory Services at PKF O'Connor Davies. "Her ability to develop smart solutions to unique problems facing businesses in a wide range of industries has distinguished her within the consulting field and earned the trust of countless clients over the years. As our clients continue to encounter a rapidly changing business landscape, Elizabeth's invaluable guidance and insight will serve our clients well and allow them to adapt to any challenges they may face."

Over the course of an accomplished career, Ballotte has mastered several general management consultancy specialties, including developing and performing grant compliance reviews, due diligence reviews, internal control reviews, M&A implementations, and operational assessments. Her various consulting engagements have allowed her to amass a wealth of experience in federal grant compliance and management, benefits analysis, financial analysis, and generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

"To remain competitive, businesses and foundations alike must constantly adapt to a changing marketplace. These periods of transition can be daunting, but with the right planning and approach they present opportunities for organizations to streamline their operations and increase their productivity," said Ballotte. "PKF O'Connor Davies' proven ability to help clients traverse the upside of change has led to the growth of numerous organizations, and I look forward to joining my colleagues in this effort – many of which I've had the pleasure of knowing and working with for years."

Ballotte has been called upon to share her industry insights and expertise on a number of occasions. In addition to published articles in *The NonProfit Times* and *NonProfit PRO*, she has participated in leadership roles on executive forums, workshops, and symposiums. Ballotte has earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Smith College, as well as a Master of Science in Organizational Development from the University of Rhode Island. A member of the Sigma Xi Honor Society, she also serves as Board Development Chair for Meals on Wheels.

PKF O'Connor Davies has 14 offices in six states and 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

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PKF O'Connor Davies is a top-ranked firm, according to Accounting Today's 2021 "Top 100 Firms" list and was recently recognized as one of "America's Best Tax Firms" by Forbes. In additional 2021 rankings, 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 2019 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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