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Mike Goral Joins Weaver as Partner in Dallas Office To Lead State and Local Tax Practice

DALLAS (January 21, 2014) – Mike Goral, J.D, LL.M recently joined [Weaver](#), the largest independent accounting firm in the Southwest, as the partner-in-charge of [state and local tax \(SALT\) services](#). He will lead the firm’s SALT practice and will be based out of the firm’s Dallas office.

“Mike’s exclusive concentration and experience in SALT services will provide a platform for Weaver to rapidly continue the expansion of our state and local tax practice throughout Texas and the United States,” said Clint Siddons, partner-in-charge of tax and strategic business services.

Goral brings years of experience in state and local tax matters involving income/franchise, sales/use taxes, credits and incentives in all states. He has extensive knowledge in various industries including manufacturing, telecommunications, hospitality, high-tech, transportation and real estate.

Most recently, Goral worked as a director at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the SALT practice leader responsible for new business development and management of the Fort Worth, Austin and Little Rock markets. He also managed large engagements with various multistate tax matters involving income/franchise and sales/use taxes including corporate restructurings, audits, voluntary disclosure agreements, letter rulings, multistate compliance matters and reverse sales tax audits.

“Mike’s depth of knowledge and his experience in this area make him a good fit for Weaver,” said, Tommy Lawler, Weaver’s managing partner and CEO. “We know that our clients will significantly benefit from his presence, and we welcome him to our firm.”

Goral’s professional memberships include the Institute of Professionals in Taxation. He often presents taxation topics at professional organizations and has been published in numerous legal and business tax publications.

Goral earned a Master of Laws (LL.M), an internationally-recognized postgraduate law degree that, in his case, specializes in tax law from Emory University School of Law in Atlanta, Ga., a Juris Doctor (J.D.) from Cumberland School of Law in Birmingham, Ala., and a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics and psychology at The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

About Weaver

Originally founded in 1950, Weaver currently has approximately 500 employees and Texas offices in Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, Midland, Odessa and San Antonio. The firm also has locations in Denver, Colo., and Stamford, Conn. Weaver is ranked the largest independent accounting firm in the Southwest by *Accounting Today* magazine. The firm is also ranked the 37th largest firm in the United States by *INSIDE Public Accounting* and the 42nd largest firm by *Accounting Today*.

Weaver serves a broad range of clients including public and private national and international companies, and nonprofit organizations and governmental entities. In addition to traditional assurance and tax services, Weaver also provides numerous advisory services, including energy compliance and consulting; risk advisory; transaction advisory; IT advisory; forensic and litigation support; international tax; property tax; state and local tax; and wealth strategies services. Learn more at www.weaver.com.