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**Weaver Promotes Seven Professionals to Senior Manager**  
*Corky Freed, Adam McCane, Jacob Nethery, Neha Patel, Delan Paulsen,  
Mostafa Popal and George Rendziperis*

DALLAS-FORT WORTH, Texas (March 20, 2012) – Weaver, the largest independent accounting firm in the Southwest, announces the promotions of the following professionals to senior manager: Corky Freed, tax and strategic business services; Adam McCane, assurance services; Jacob Nethery, assurance services; Neha Patel, advisory services; Delan Paulsen, assurance services; Mostafa Popal, assurance services; and George Rendziperis, state and local tax services.

“We are pleased to have all of these valued employees promoted across service lines and across the firm,” said Tommy D. Lawler, Weaver’s managing partner and CEO. “Each of them has consistently demonstrated leadership and genuine commitments to serving our clients with excellence.”

**The following new senior managers office in Dallas and Fort Worth:**

***Adam McCane, CPA***

Adam McCane has more than eight years of experience in public accounting, and currently works in Weaver’s assurance practice in Fort Worth. McCane focuses on providing audit, review and other assurance services for public and privately-held oil and gas companies, financial services entities including banks, trusts and investment companies, as well as public sector entities such as school districts and cities.

McCane is a member of AICPA and the TSCPA Fort Worth chapter. He regularly conducts continuing professional education classes on various topics, and serves on the finance committee of the Presbyterian Night Shelter of Tarrant County. He earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting and finance from Texas Christian University.

***Jacob Nethery, CPA***

With more than nine years of experience in public accounting, Jacob Nethery works in the assurance services practice out of the firm’s Fort Worth office. He focuses on accounting and auditing services for privately-held businesses, with significant experience in the manufacturing and distribution and service industries.

Nethery is a member of AICPA; the TSCPA Fort Worth chapter, where he participated in the Leadership Development Class of 2007; and the American Production and Inventory Control Society and is a graduate of Leadership Fort Worth's Leading Edge class of 2011. He is a past treasurer and board member of both the Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts and Texas Boys Choir. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in finance from the University of Texas at Arlington.

***Neha S. Patel, CPA, CISA***

Neha Patel is an advisory services senior manager in Dallas, with more than eight years of experience in public accounting. Prior to joining Weaver, she was with a Big Four firm in its technology and security risk services practice. Her experience is focused on governance, risk and compliance, including SSAE 16 (formerly SAS 70) audits and Sarbanes-Oxley (SOX) assessments. Neha also has extensive knowledge and experience in other technology services including performing IT assessments using technology frameworks, designing IT audit procedures to evaluate regulatory requirements and evaluating general computer and application controls within financial transaction processing systems. She has managed teams delivering IT-focused solutions in various industries, including oil and gas, financial services/banking, outsourced services, public sector and higher education.

Patel is a member of the TSCPA Dallas chapter, the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) and serves as a board member of the North Texas Chapter of the Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA). She earned a Master of Professional Accounting degree and a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting, with a minor in management information systems from The University of Texas at Austin.

***Delan Paulsen, CPA***

Delan Paulsen is in the assurance services practice in Dallas and has more than 14 years of experience in public accounting. He serves clients across a variety of industries, including real estate and construction, manufacturing and distribution and technology. He has in-depth experience in auditing and consulting for commercial and residential projects for owners/operators, third-party managers and developers.

Paulsen is a member of the AICPA and the TSCPA Dallas chapter. He earned a Master of Accounting degree and Bachelor of Science degree in business administration at the University of Southern California.

***Mostafa Popal, CPA***

With more than 10 years of experience in public accounting, Mostafa Popal is in the Dallas assurance practice. His emphasis is on accounting and auditing services, as well as SEC financial reporting and SOX 404 compliance. He has extensive industry knowledge in the oil and gas, manufacturing, distribution, retail, telecommunications, gaming, healthcare and non-profit sectors.

Popal is a member of the AICPA and the TSCPA Dallas chapter. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Montclair State University.

**The following new senior managers office in other Texas locations:**

***Corky Freed, CPA***

Corky Freed in Weaver's Houston office has more than 10 years of public accounting experience. As a senior manager in the tax and strategic business services practice, Corky focuses on federal and state tax issues for corporations, partnerships and limited liability corporations. He serves several industries, including manufacturing and distribution, oil and gas, biodiesel and software.

Freed is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants (TSCPA) Houston chapter. He earned a Master of Accountancy degree and a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting from Texas State University.

***George W. Rendziperis, JD***

George Rendziperis is a state and local tax professional in Weaver's Austin office. He has more than 10 years of experience – six years in state and local tax and four years in law. He advises clients on state and local tax matters and provides tax planning and consultation on multi-state issues. In addition, Rendziperis represents clients in state tax controversies, including audit defense and state tax litigation matters. Prior to joining Weaver, he clerked for the Honorable Marilyn Kelly of the Michigan Supreme Court. He also worked with a prominent national law firm, as well as a Big Four accounting firm.

Rendziperis is a member of the American Bar Association and the State Bar of Michigan. He earned his Juris Doctorate degree from Michigan State University College of Law, a Master of Science degree in finance from Walsh College and a Bachelor of Arts degree in economic and political science concentrating in accounting from Albion College.

**About Weaver**

Originally founded in 1950, Weaver currently has approximately 450 employees and offices in Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, Midland, Odessa and San Antonio, Weaver is ranked the largest independent certified public accounting firm in the Southwest by *Accounting Today* magazine. The firm is also ranked the 38<sup>th</sup> largest firm in the United States by *INSIDE Public Accounting*. *Accounting Today* ranks Weaver the 45<sup>th</sup> largest U.S. firm in their Top 100 Accounting Firm lists.

The firm represents a broad range of clients including large national and international corporations, public and privately-held businesses, nonprofit organizations and governmental entities. In addition to the firm's assurance, tax and advisory services, Weaver also provides transaction advisory; forensic accounting and litigation support; international; property tax; state and local tax and estate planning/wealth transfer services. It also performs peer reviews for other accounting firms. In addition, the firm provides registered investment advisory services through Weaver Wealth Management. Learn more at [www.weaverllp.com](http://www.weaverllp.com).

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