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## **Weaver Expands Services to New York City** *Ron Honka Joins Firm as Assurance Partner, Financial Services*

NEW YORK (August 9, 2017) – [Weaver](#), the largest independent accounting firm in the Southwest with nine offices across the United States, announces the expansion of its services on the East Coast. [Ron Honka](#), CPA joins Weaver as an assurance partner in the firm’s [financial services](#) industry practice. The firm also announces its new office in New York City at 350 Park Avenue.



Honka will work with the financial services team to grow Weaver’s investment company business, focusing primarily on hedge funds in Manhattan and the greater New York City area.

“Our presence in California and Texas, combined with our expansion into New York, gives Weaver a significant advantage in growing our national alternative investment fund practice and bringing our expertise to more funds across the U.S.,” said John Mackel, CPA and Weaver’s managing partner and CEO. “We could not be more pleased to have Ron join the firm. He brings substantial experience and knowledge, and is a key contributor to expanding our presence on the East Coast.”

“Being in the major financial markets on the West and East Coasts, as well as in Texas, makes Weaver more accessible to the alternative investment funds across the country, and we feel that Weaver brings a fantastic value proposition to the investment fund arena,” added Kevin Sanford, CPA and partner-in-charge, financial services. “Being in these strategic markets enables relationship development opportunities with major participants in the financial services industry and enhances our brand recognition with institutional investors, current and prospective investment fund clients, referral sources, and other market players.”

Honka has more than 25 years of experience in audit, consulting and due diligence at Big Four and other national accounting firms, specializing in the asset management and alternative investments industry. He has knowledge and experience dealing with a diverse group of financial instruments for a variety of entities, including on- and off-shore investment partnerships, commodity pool operators, funds of funds, master-feeders, private equity firms, venture capital firms and broker dealers.

Honka earned a bachelor of business administration degree in accounting from Syracuse University. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants.

**About Weaver**

Founded in 1950, Weaver currently has more than 600 employees and offices in nine cities across the United States. Weaver is ranked the largest independent 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*.

Weaver serves a broad range of clients including public and private national and international companies, nonprofit organizations and government entities. In addition to traditional assurance and tax services, Weaver also provides numerous advisory services, including risk advisory, financial advisory, IT advisory, energy compliance and consulting, forensics and litigation, international tax, state and local tax, and wealth strategies services. Learn more at [www.weaver.com](http://www.weaver.com).