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BKD Announces 6th Annual PRIDE Award Recipients

Prestigious award honors two individuals for living the firm's values

SPRINGFIELD, MO. – Neal D. Spencer, chief executive officer of **BKD, LLP**, announces **Adam C. Kinney** of St. Louis, Missouri, and **Keith M. Messmer** of Evansville, Indiana, are the recipients of the 2008 BKD PRIDE Award.

The annual award honors one employee and one partner who exemplify in extraordinary ways the BKD PRIDE values of passion, respect, integrity, discipline and excellence. Any of the firm's approximately 2,000 personnel can nominate candidates for this award, which is presented each year at the firm's leadership conference. This year's conference was held Oct. 23-25 at the Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark.

Kinney, a senior accountant who works with financial institution clients and is a member of BKD's National Financial Services Group in St. Louis, received the honor for his outstanding attitude, training skills and ability to meet client expectations. He has approximately four years experience providing audit and consulting services for financial institutions and clients in other industries. As a client service professional, he has distinguished himself as a hard-working member of the team who takes both his career and his family seriously. Kinney is also known for being good at training younger staff members and sets a great example for them to follow.



Messmer, who serves as the A&A director for the Evansville office and three offices in Bowling Green, Louisville and Owensboro, Kentucky, was recognized for his responsiveness to the needs of clients and co-workers, as well as his ability to develop complex solutions that meet firm and professional standards and client objectives. He has more than 25 years experience providing auditing and consulting solutions for not-for-profit and health care organizations. Messmer is lauded for his A&A director leadership role and guiding personnel in the four offices to implement new standards and other changes in the accounting and auditing arena.

“We’re proud to bestow the firm’s most prestigious award on these two exceptional individuals because of the way they demonstrate BKD’s core values in action,” Spencer said. “Adam and Keith join the ranks of past PRIDE Award recipients who exemplify the firm’s values that crystallize our legacy and shape our future.”

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The firm formalized its values as BKD PRIDE in 2002 and presented its first BKD PRIDE Awards in 2003. The mission of BKD is to always strive for excellence in providing services to clients, create rewarding career opportunities and maintain sound professional, business and financial standards. Together, BKD's PRIDE values and mission form the foundation for personnel to deliver the **BKD Experience** of unmatched client service.

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