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## **BKD creates Benefit Plan Consulting division**

*New division combines personnel and expertise to better meet client needs*

SPRINGFIELD, MO. – Neal Spencer, **BKD, LLP**, chief executive officer, announces the firm has created a Benefit Plan Consulting division of BKD Wealth Advisors, LLC.

This new division focuses exclusively on providing employee benefit plan services such as plan design, implementation, compliance testing, regulatory filings and investment management to institutional clients. It also combines the personnel and talents of the firm's employee benefit services group with the advisory and investment management knowledge of Wealth Advisors, a subsidiary of BKD registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission that provides personal wealth planning, investment management and estate planning.

Benefit Plan Consulting professionals help clients implement or restructure an employee benefit plan, including 401(k), defined benefit, profit sharing, employee stock ownership plans and 403(b) tax-sheltered annuity plans. Currently BKD administers more than 700 benefit plans and has more than \$1 billion in assets under management.

"This change demonstrates how BKD practices wise growth and meets client needs," Spencer says.

Benefit Plan Consulting is under the guidance of Principal Steve Toomey, who also oversees the Kansas City and St. Louis regional practices of Wealth Advisors.

"This is an exciting opportunity for BKD and clients as our integrated and consultative approach allows us to address the many facets of successful benefit plan design within one firm, in turn simplifying this aspect of our client's business," Toomey says. "In addition, the combined expertise of our consultants in this new division further enhances our ability to design, implement and administer benefit plans that reward both the company and its employees."

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