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BKD announces election of five new partners

SPRINGFIELD, MO. – Neal Spencer, **BKD, LLP** chief executive officer, announces the election of five new partners who deliver unmatched client service, embrace change and show dedication to the firm's values and the accounting industry. These individuals will assume their new roles beginning June 1, 2009.

At BKD, career paths are divided into levels with each position defined by its own set of duties, responsibilities and competencies requiring cumulative and continually increasing degrees of education, training and experience. Personnel also must demonstrate the ability to be coaches, mentors and leaders in the firm, as well as active supporters of the community. Client service professionals have the opportunity to advance through a series of positions that may eventually lead to election to partner. At BKD, partners are elected and must have excellent engagement management skills, possess excellent technical skills in their field or industry and actively work to enhance the communities where they live and work.

"These elections not only help recognize the past accomplishment of our new partners, it also shows the firm supports them in their careers and future successes," Spencer says.

The newly elected partners represent auditors and tax advisors who specialize in a variety of industries and entities, including health care organizations, colleges and universities, not-for-profit and government organizations, insurance and manufacturing.

Newly elected BKD Partners:

Mike Engle, Kansas City

Julie Hipsky, Indianapolis

Trent Parten, Houston

Tony Perazzo, Cincinnati

Stephanie Weis, Springfield

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