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Hill, Barth & King LLC Welcomes Stikelether & Associates, P.A.

STUART, Florida (March 10, 2009) - Hill, Barth & King LLC (HBK), certified public accountants and business consultants, has acquired Stikelether & Associates, P.A. of Fort Pierce, Florida. The staff of Stikelether & Associates, P.A. has joined HBK and their affiliate, HBK Sorce Financial LLC (HBK Sorce), a nationally recognized financial planning and investment advisory firm.

“We are delighted to be expanding our presence on the Treasure Coast by welcoming Stikelether & Associates. The combination of our two firms brings our clients and prospective clients tremendous value, and it demonstrates our ongoing commitment to the Florida region,” said Christopher Allegretti, CPA, Managing Principal/CEO of Hill, Barth & King LLC.

“Our affiliation with HBK dates back many years, and we have admired the firm’s capabilities, professionalism, and success over the years,” said Rita Stikelether, newly-appointed Principal at HBK.

The leadership team of Stikelether & Associates has assumed positions at HBK and HBK Sorce as follows: Rita Stikelether has been admitted as Principal, Linda Crist as a Manager, Brianna Eplin as an Associate and Graham Stikelether, III as a Financial Advisor of HBK Sorce.

With ten locations in three states, HBK currently serves nearly 12,000 business entities representing virtually every type of industry. HBK Sorce, serving thousands of clients nationally, is a recent recipient of the CPA Wealth Provider’s Annual Financial Planning Award for Innovation. The joining of Stikelether & Associates and HBK will bring a more prominent team to Florida’s Treasure Coast.

About Hill, Barth & King LLC

Based on revenue, HBK is ranked as the nation’s 67th largest public accounting firm. HBK has over 300 professional and support staff members who serve clients in 10 offices located throughout Florida, Ohio and Pennsylvania. For more information, visit www.hbkcpa.com.

About HBK Sorce Financial LLC

HBK Sorce Financial is an affiliate of Hill, Barth and King LLC. In July 2008, CPA Wealth Provider ranked HBK Sorce Financial as 13th in the nation based on assets under management in a ranking of financial advisory firms affiliated with an accounting firm. The firm provides personal financial planning and investment advisory services to thousands of clients. HBK Sorce Financial has offices in Florida, Ohio and Pennsylvania. For more information, visit www.hbksorce.com.

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