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For over two decades, Holthouse Carlin & Van Trigt LLP (HCVT) has provided accounting, tax planning and compliance, and business advisory services to large and mid-sized privately held companies, high-net-worth individuals and families, service firms, real estate entities and business leaders in a variety of industries.

Last month HCVT was again named as one of the “Top Five Best Managed CPA Firms in the U.S.” by INSIDE Public Accounting (IPA). HCVT has been on IPA’s “Best of the Best” and “Top 100 CPA Firms” lists for eight consecutive years, and also named to Accounting Today’s “Top 100” list earlier this year. These national rankings are very impressive since over 500 CPA firms are evaluated on over 50 performance criteria.

With eight offices, 36 partners, over 300 total employees, and \$72.5 million in annual revenues last year, HCVT is ranked as the largest CPA firm headquartered in Southern California and the 42nd largest (based on annual revenues) CPA firm in the U.S.

HCVT is a member of the Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce and proudly serves clients throughout the world, but focuses on a Southern California client base with offices in Long Beach, Orange County, West Los Angeles, Pasadena, Westlake Village, Encino, Camarillo as well as Fort Worth, Texas.

Blake Christian, CPA/ MBT is a former KPMG partner and is the founding partner of the Long Beach office (1994) and knows that when it comes to effective corporate and individual tax planning, details matter. The importance of keeping his clients informed of the latest tax, economic and

financial trends is paramount to quality client service. He was recently named as one of the “Top 50 Tax Bloggers in the U.S.” His insightful articles can be found at: <http://hcv.com/library-of-resources/>. Blake has over two decades of expertise in dealing with the California Enterprise Zone (EZ) program and is a nationally recognized expert, author and speaker on federal, state and local tax incentives. He has worked with a number of cities, has drafted legislation and has testified on the effectiveness of the EZ and other programs on several occasions. In 2008 he was awarded the California Chamber “Business Advocate of the Year” for his work with assisting taxpayers, cities and legislators in preserving the Enterprise Zone Program.

Blake’s areas of concentration include:

- Federal and California Enterprise Zone hiring and equipment tax credits
- California and federal green tax incentives and eco credits
- Comprehensive corporate tax planning
- Holistic income, gift and estate tax planning for high net worth individuals

Blake serves in leadership roles for a variety of local not-for-profits and is also involved with local, regional and statewide economic development efforts, including veteran job placement, and provides constant updates to his clients and business associates through technical articles he authors for national and local publications, blogs, seminars/webinars and podcasts video interviews.

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