TOP HOUSTON CPA FIRM WELCOMES THREE NEW PARTNERS

Ham, Langston & Brezina, LLP (HLB) is pleased to announce the addition of three new partners and fourteen professional staff that recently joined the firm. HLB welcomes partners Bill Ansell, CPA, Ann Masel, CPA and Mark Rush, CPA, formerly with DRDA, PLLC. With these additions, the firm will have 75 professionals, including seven partners, and offices in both Houston and Galveston, Texas.

"We look forward to adding the strength and expertise of this new group of professionals. Their history of providing quality service in a timely manner is a perfect match with the philosophy followed by HLB for more than 20 years," said Rob Brezina. "Their expertise in working with multi-generational businesses and established families, will bolster HLB's current practice, that includes tax, audit, litigation support, estate planning, and other business advisory services. "

"We are excited to join HLB, a firm we have known for many years," said Bill Ansell. "Our firms share a common client service philosophy and vision for achieving growth and future success in our marketplaces."

Joining As New Partners:



T. Mark Rush, CPA - Areas of Concentration:

Accounting, attestation and tax for small to midsize businesses and individuals including specialties in the healthcare, construction and financial service industries.



William (Bill) C. Ansell, CPA - Areas of Concentration: Attestation, tax and consulting for commercial, not-for-profit and governmental, construction, maritime and financial service industries.



Ann S. Masel, CPA - Areas of Concentration: Attestation, accounting, tax, and litigation support services for the health care, governmental, non-profit and financial service industries.

About Ham, Langston & Brezina, L.L.P.

Ham, Langston & Brezina is one of the Houston area's leading independent accounting firms, ranked by the Houston Business Journal as among the 25 largest accounting firms in the Houston area. For over 20 years the firm has served an expanding base of clients operating in a wide diversity of industries. Ham, Langston & Brezina, LLP is a member of the American Institute of Certified Accountants (AICPA), the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy, the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants and its Houston Chapter. The firm is also a member of the AICPA's Center for Public Company Audit Firms, the AICPA's Employee Benefit Plan Audit Quality Center, the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB), the Independent Bankers Association of Texas (IBAT) and the Insurance Accounting and Systems Association (IASA).

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