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The California accounting firms of Haskell & White LLP and Katherman Kitts & Co. LLP have combined their practices, effective Feb. 1, 2017, and are now operating under the Haskell & White name. The expansion bolstered the combined international tax practice and increased the team of highly skilled CPAs. The entire team at Katherman Kitts & Co. moved to Haskell & White, and James Katherman and Stacie Kitts joined the firm as partners.

The unification of these two experienced and well-respected organizations comes at a time when the nation's tax laws are on the brink of a major overhaul, and clients will require more guidance than ever. By combining the staffs and resources of both teams under the prestigious Haskell & White brand, all clients will have access to an extremely deep bench of hard-working and talented CPAs, now totaling more than 75 professionals.

"With this combination, Haskell & White enhances its already robust standing in the market. We will add more capabilities, including Katherman Kitts & Co.'s deep experience with technology companies and international tax expertise, to bring an even greater level of service to the clients of both firms," said Haskell & White's Managing Partner Wayne Pinnell. "Having worked in the same building with Katherman Kitts & Co. for several years, we have gotten to know them personally as

well as professionally, and we believe the cultures of our teams will blend seamlessly

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In a joint statement, Katherman and Kitts said, "We are very much looking forward to this new relationship with Haskell & White as it is an excellent move for our team at Katherman Kitts & Co. and – more importantly – it will bring even greater value to our clients, give our employees considerable growth opportunities and allow for operating efficiencies."

Katherman emphasized that since Haskell & White shares similar client service philosophies, the business combination will not change the clients' fee structure and the hands-on attention they are accustomed to receiving.

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