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The Kansas accounting firm of Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball (ABBB) will acquire M&L CPAs, a firm with offices in Wichita and El Dorado, effective January 1, 2020. ABBB will then have 15 offices across Kansas.

M&L ranked 5th on the 2019 *Wichita Business Journal*'s largest firms list, as ranked by total local professional staff. When combined with the professionals at ABBB's

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"There is a lot of synergy between our firms," said Sam Seward, CPA, founding shareholder of M&L. "Together, we are a much stronger firm in terms of what we can offer to businesses, as well as to our team members."

All current M&L shareholders — Seward, Curtis Dean, CPA, and Arlen Hamilton, CPA — will be joining the firm's leadership team.

"Over the years, other firms have reached out to us about a possible merger," Seward said. "We always said 'no,' but we really like ABBB's dedication to the Wichita market and its commitment to serving smaller communities like El Dorado. We are confident this is a good fit, allowing us to continue serving our clients while providing new opportunities to our team."

The merged practices will operate under the name Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball.

M&L CPA's Chartered was established in Wichita in 1989. The firm provides businesses and individuals with high-quality and affordable tax, accounting, payroll, and business consulting services.

Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball, Chartered provides a wide range of traditional and specialized CPA and consulting services to clients throughout the United States. The firm has specialties in the agriculture, construction, manufacturing, governmental, oil & gas, and restaurant sectors. Founded in 1945, today the firm maintains 15 office locations throughout Kansas. The firm's 2018 revenue was \$24.2 million. More information can be found at www.abbb.com.

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