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Professionals on the Move is a round-up of recent promotions and hiring announcements in and around the tax and accounting profession.

**BKD promotes 32 to senior level, effective April 1**

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Those being promoted are:

### **Senior Manager**

- Katie Baker, Kansas City
- Kayla Bell, Springfield
- Luke Guillemette, San Antonio
- Austin Hoglen, St. Louis
- Jae Hyun, New York
- Luke Pals, Nashville
- Avni Patel, Houston
- Benjamin Schmitz, Kansas City
- James Shiveley, San Antonio
- John Stastny, Omaha
- Cheyenne Tanner, Waco
- Julie Thompson, Springfield
- Jay White, Houston
- Brad Wyatt, Salt Lake City

### **Senior Managing Advisor**

- Travis Liles, BKD Wealth Advisors, Springfield

### **Senior Managing Consultant**

- Jen Albers, Health Care Performance Advisory Services, Springfield
- Valorie Clouse, Health Care Performance Advisory Services
- Jerry Francis, State & Local Tax Services, Dallas
- Emily Hand, Indianapolis
- Andrew Horrow, New York

- Kelly Jansen, International Tax Services, St. Louis

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[Kristen Ueckert, Transaction Services, Minneapolis](#)

- Kristen Ueckert, Houston
- Lauren Weller, Transaction Services, Denver

## **Deloitte Legal Business Services Bolsters Leadership Team with Former EY and Reed Smith Executives**

Deloitte recently announced that legal business industry leaders [Rebecca Thorkildsen](#) and [Nicholas Long](#) have joined the rapidly-growing Deloitte's Legal Business Services team as managing directors, based in Chicago.

Thorkildsen's history of extensive legal, managed service, and technology experience; together with Long's front-line experience with the business of law on a global scale — will help Deloitte clients in corporate legal departments transform enterprise contracting and bring new innovative approaches to the delivery of legal business services.

Prior to joining Deloitte, Thorkildsen previously led the strategy and development of EY's Legal Managed Services annuity contract services, where she was responsible for developing the Americas go-to-market team. Prior to EY, she was a senior director at HBR Consulting where she co-led the Law Department Consulting practice bringing to bear nearly 20 years' experience in law department strategy, management, and technology consulting.

With a background in legal business service, Long most recently served as the senior director of legal operations at Reed Smith LLP. Prior to that role, he was a partner in Reed Smith's Global Corporate Group focused on M&A transactions. In addition to his past law firm experience he has extensive experience developing innovative solutions to aid in the delivery of legal services, including leading the firm's staff

attorney program and serving as a director of Gravity Stack, the firm's legal

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