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announcements from around the profession.

**Mary Girsch-Bock** • May. 17, 2023



*Professionals on the Move* is a round-up of recent hiring and promotion announcements from around the profession.

### **Schneider Downs Expands Strategic and Transaction Advisory**

Schneider Downs, one of the 60 largest certified public accounting and business advisory firms in the United States, recently added a team of five strategic and

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Included among those joining Schneider Downs will be:

- Tom Springer, Shareholder
- Stuart Lawson, Director
- Christine Marshall, Senior Manager
- Rebecca Talley, Senior II
- Timothy "Wayne" Pigott, Senior II

Through their work with SLA, this integrated team is highly experienced in creating and selling business entities, managing mergers and acquisitions, as well as restructuring and managing workforces. These experiences both augment and expand the consulting services offered by Schneider Downs' Consulting practice. The team will join the firm on May 1, 2023.

In addition, the SLA team's roots in Northern Virginia provide Schneider Downs with additional resources to serve existing clients in that region, while also helping the firm expand the offerings in its Washington D.C. office.

### **FORVIS Adds Aaron Schaal as Tax Partner in New York**

**FORVIS** recently announced the hiring of Aaron Schaal as a partner with its tax team in New York. [Schaal](#) brings significant U.S. tax planning experience as well as considerable international tax and transfer pricing experience to FORVIS. He also brings a business-oriented approach to leading tax teams in order to add value and increase revenues. Schaal's extensive experience also includes complex M&A transactions from his time working with multinational companies, including acting as lead tax counsel on many buy- and sell-side deals. Schaal's career includes 16 years living and working abroad, leading to his significant U.S. tax planning, international tax, and transfer pricing experience. Schaal also spent four years with Phillip Morris International as head of tax for Eastern Europe, Middle East, and Africa. Schaal is a

member of the Colorado Bar Association and holds a bachelor's degree in political

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The newly appointed partnership members come from various locations and departments, including tax, assurance, business valuation, compliance, and sales. They have a diverse range of skills, backgrounds, and expertise that will further strengthen the firm's capabilities.

- Ted Allen – Rancho Cucamonga, CA
- Marc Behrens – Omaha, NE
- Erica Bjerrum – Sioux Falls, SD
- Aaron Boyer – Minneapolis, MN
- Joscelyn Brown – Minneapolis, MN
- Shelby Ebarb – Abilene, TX
- Kellen Garrison – Sioux Falls, SD
- Michael Hamaker – Omaha, NE
- Ryan Hambly – Las Vegas, NV
- Katie Hickerson – Tulsa, OK
- Hannah Horn – Minneapolis, MN
- Matt Labernik – Fargo, ND
- Sam Lake – Salt Lake City, UT
- Jason Lindstrom – Boise, ID
- Reggie MacMaster – Fargo, ND
- Jonna Meehan – Sioux Falls, SD
- Kyle Munk – Boise, ID
- Tom Owens – Phoenix, AZ
- Russell Rice – Billings, MT
- Anthony Schwab – Aberdeen, SD
- Sonja Sparks – Denver, CO
- Brock Thaemlitz – Mankato, MN
- Adam Webb – Denver, CO
- Barry Weber – Spokane, WA

## Schneider Downs Expands Management Team

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control, operational and procedural auditing techniques. Mr. Sweeney has managed audit teams throughout Asia, Australia, Europe and the United States.

Mr. Sweeney received his Bachelor of Science in Accounting from St. Vincent College.

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