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HIGH POINT – **Smith Leonard PLLC** announces several team member promotions for 2016. **Jennifer Casper**, CPA, has been promoted to Tax Director, while **Melonie McCurry and Stacey Stafford** are now Tax Supervisors. Within the business services group, **John Myers** is now a Business Services Supervisor. **Kelly York** is now Director of Resource Development for the firm.

Casper specializes in tax compliance and cost savings strategies for businesses in the manufacturing, distribution, retail, real estate, not-for-profit and technology industries. A graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Jennifer is a life-long Triad resident and has been with Smith Leonard six years.

A key member of Smith Leonard's Family Wealth group, McCurry has been with Smith Leonard her entire career and has over three years of experience providing estate planning, succession planning, and tax compliance for individuals, family partnerships, and other flow-through entities. Melonie is a graduate of Appalachian State University.

Another Appalachian State University graduate and member of the Smith Leonard team her entire career, Stacey Stafford delivers tax services to not-for-profit, construction, and transportation organizations in addition to Smith Leonard's core manufacturing and distribution clients.

John Myers has been serving clients in our Lexington office as a key member of the Business Services group. A graduate of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, he brings over seven years of experience to clients and specializes in the areas of tax compliance, payroll, and bookkeeping.

A University of Notre Dame graduate and member of the Smith Leonard team for three years, Kelly York works both internally and externally to help Smith Leonard tell its story. She manages marketing, recruiting, and employee engagement initiatives at the firm.

Beyond the exciting news of promotions, Smith Leonard is proud to announce its 2016 intern class. Ryan Herring (Elon), Aaron Hunter (ASU), Daniel Jo (UNCG), Jeremy Kolb (UNCG), and Donnie Thomas (UNCG) have joined the team just in time for busy season and will complete their internships in Spring 2016. Nicholas Massey (Elon) and Stephen Pollack (HPU) will begin their internships with the firm in Summer 2016.

Firm Managing Partner Darlene Leonard commented: "We believe our people are the cornerstone of our business. It is exciting to watch a new class of interns take their first steps toward accounting careers and to see our experienced employees receive recognition for their leadership and experience as they settle into their new roles. The ability to develop a long-term career, as well as work with a great group of people, is a large contributor to our ranking as one of the Best Firms to Work For by *Accounting Today* for the last six years."

About Smith Leonard PLLC

Smith Leonard is a full-service accounting firm headquartered in the Piedmont Triad. Industries of focus include construction, transportation, manufacturing, distribution, real estate, and non-profit. Specialties include tax, audit, business consulting, mergers and acquisition support, employee benefit plans, international services, business services, and family wealth planning. Their affiliation with the BDO Alliance USA provides an international network that connects clients to a variety of additional resources. For more information about the firm, please visit www.smithleonardcpas.com.

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