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HIGH POINT – **Smith Leonard PLLC** continues growth in talent and resources as they announce promotions and intern hires for 2017. In addition to several recent new hires, the Smith Leonard management group has seen three promotions in the tax department: **Patrick Willis** has been promoted to Tax Senior Manager; **Melonie McCurry** and **Stacey Stafford** are now Tax Managers. Our staff is continuing to grow in depth and experience as well: **Stephanie Baubie**, **Hilary Hughes**, and **Laura Kessler** have been promoted to Assurance Seniors; **Travis Hammer** and **Jamie Reynolds** are now Tax Seniors.

A graduate of UNCG, Willis has been with Smith Leonard since 2010. He continues to be a dedicated leader in the tax department with a focus on corporate tax planning and compliance.

Both graduates of Appalachian State University and with Smith Leonard since 2012, McCurry and Stafford provide diverse services to Smith Leonard's tax clients. McCurry specializes in estate and succession planning with the firm's Family Wealth group. Stafford's corporate tax expertise benefits many clients in the not-for-profit sector as well as other key industries.

Beyond the exciting news of promotions, Smith Leonard is proud to announce its 2017 intern class. Daniel Arno (ASU), Kayla Greeson (ASU), and Aleks Krajisnik (UNCG) have joined the team just in time for busy season and will complete their internships in Spring 2017. Gabriel Branscomb (HPU), Austin Hooper (Elon), and Zachary Mullhern (HPU) will begin their internships with the firm in Summer 2017.

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 seven years.”

About Smith Leonard PLLC

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