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Elko & Associates Ltd Announces Five Promotions

Elko & Associates Ltd, ("Elko") a public accounting firm based in the Philadelphia region, providing accounting, tax, and business consulting services for its clients for nearly 50 years announced five promotions from within the organization, further strengthening the Firm's auditing and tax teams.

Colleen Cooke-Varallo, graduate of the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, has been promoted to Director in the Firm's Accounting and Auditing Department. Ms. Varallo joined the Elko team in 1989 as a staff accountant and quickly worked her way up the ranks to supervisory and management positions. Colleen leads the Firm's technology niche and specializes in an array of other industries, including associations, international, and manufacturing/distribution companies. Her experience and track record of success brings her to this exciting opportunity as a Director at Elko & Associates Ltd to continue the growth of this progressive firm.

Rachel Schwarz, a graduate of Widener University, has been promoted to supervisor in the Firm's Accounting and Auditing Department in the Media, PA office. Rachel has been with Elko since 2004 and works on several key client engagements.

Jed Mecham, a member of the Business Valuations Department in the Firm's Media office, has been promoted to senior business valuation analyst. Mecham graduated from Portland State University with a B.S. in finance. Before joining the Elko team in late 2007, Jed worked at a valuation firm that specialized in employee stock ownership plans.

A team member from Elko's Plymouth Meeting office, John Seman, has been promoted to senior accountant in the Firm's Accounting and Auditing Department. Seman graduated from King's College and has been working with Elko since the fall of 2005.

Brooke Karafin, a graduate of Saint Joseph's University, has been promoted to senior tax accountant in the Firm's Tax Department. Ms. Karafin specializes in the non-profit niche at Elko & Associates, working with the majority of the Firm's tax-exempt clients. Brooke joined the Elko team in 2004, working as co-op while still in school, and became a full-time employee shortly after graduation.

Elko & Associates Ltd is a professional services accounting and consulting firm. The firm offers a full range of services to clients including: compliance services such as – audits (including employee benefit plan audits and audits in accordance with the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States), reviews, compilations, income tax return preparation, attestation and consulting services such as corporate and individual tax planning, estate and trust planning, computer consulting and installation (hardware and software), business valuations, business finance consulting, business advisory solutions, merger and acquisition, forecasts and projections, operations reviews and internal control studies.

The Firm has two office locations. The main office is in Media and the office branch is located in Plymouth Meeting. To learn more about Elko & Associates Ltd visit the Firm's website at www.elkocpa.com.