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Perkins & Co Named a Most Diverse Accounting Firm by Portland Business Journal

Portland, Ore. – March 10, 2022 – Perkins & Co, the largest locally owned accounting firm in Oregon, is proud to have been recognized by the Portland Business Journal as the second <u>Most Diverse Accounting</u> <u>Firm</u> in the Portland metro area in this year.

"We're thrilled to again place among the area's most diverse accounting firms," said Perkins & Co President, Jared Holum. "At Perkins, we're committed to celebrating the individuality of our employees, clients, and community and are thankful for this recognition."

The Business Journal has recognized the most diverse Portland-area law firms for the past six years, but the publication added the ranking of the area's most diverse accounting firms <u>last year</u>. This year, the methodology for ranking firms was adjusted; see the <u>full explanation of the new weighted ranking</u>. In all, 24 accounting firms—representing 1,302 metro-area employees—responded to the Portland Business Journal's survey.

Perkins & Co remained high up on the list of most diverse accounting firms, claiming the second-place recognition. With 179 total metro-area employees, the company comprises 54% women, 16% BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color), and 7% LGBTQ+. In addition, of the company's 23 metro-area partners, 61% are women, 9% are BIPOC, and 4% are LGBTQIA+.

"Perkins has been determined to defy stereotypes since our founding in 1986," said Holum. "When it comes to diversity, the accounting industry lags many other professions, and we are proud to be one of several companies leading the way in creating a more inclusive and equitable industry. We know we have more work to do and are committed to being better each year."

Read more about the most diverse accounting firm recognition in the Portland Business Journal.

About Perkins & Co

Perkins & Company, P.C. was founded in Portland in 1986 and has grown to be the largest locally owned accounting firm in Oregon. The firm currently holds the title of Most Admired Accounting Firm in Oregon and has been voted as one of the most admired professional service firms in the area for 14 years, according to the Portland Business Journal's Most Admired Companies vote. The firm is the nine-time recipient of ClearlyRated's Best of Accounting[™] award for client service excellence. Perkins' entrepreneurial mission is to be an alternative to the national firms while focusing on the business needs of the region's closely held companies. Learn more about Perkins' <u>purpose and values</u>.

Perkins specializes in a number of industries, including manufacturing, wholesale distribution, real estate, professional and creative services, high tech & emerging growth, food and beverage, dealerships, healthcare, and nonprofits. The firm also provides services to public companies and is an independent member of the BDO Alliance USA, a nationwide association of independently owned local and regional accounting, consulting, and service firms with similar client service goals.

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