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**Perkins & Co Expands Specialties by Welcoming New Directors to Firm**

**Portland, Ore. – June 30, 2022** – Perkins & Co, the largest locally owned accounting firm in Oregon, is proud to welcome practice leaders Jay Steigleder and Sonjia Barker to the firm.

A graduate of the University of Oregon with a wealth of technology risk and internal audit experience for Fortune 500 companies, Steigleder will lead the company's System and Organization Controls (SOC) practice.

"Jay brings to our assurance practice the ability to help our clients in a consultative way with business process, risk assessments, and internal controls improvements. His skills also allow us to grow, expand, and better serve our SOC clients and offer SOC services to a greater portfolio of clients," states Perkins & Co Assurance Practice Leader, Travis Irving.

Sonjia Barker, a graduate of the University of Washington and former lead auditor for the Washington Department of Revenue, as well as a managing director for a sales/use tax practice at a national firm, will draw on intensive tax and audit experience to head the company's State and Local Tax (SALT) practice.

"The complex web of state and local tax compliance rules requires the expertise of a specialist focused exclusively in this practice area," shares Perkins' Tax Practice Leader, Brigitte Sutherland. "We are excited to add Sonjia to the Perkins team. Her background will strengthen our ability to help our clients adapt and respond to this ever-changing landscape."

Since its founding 36 years ago, Perkins & Co has been ignited by an entrepreneurial energy and commitment for serving the dynamic and expanding needs of its clients. "The expansion of our SOC and SALT practices by way of the addition of Sonjia and Jay," summarizes Jared Holum, Perkins & Co president, "represents another critical step in that objective. I'm thrilled to welcome them both to the firm and together further expand our capabilities."

**About Perkins & Company, P.C.**

Perkins & Company, P.C., was founded in Portland in 1986 and has grown to be the largest locally owned accounting firm in Oregon and is the second Most Diverse accounting firm in the Portland metro area. The firm has 14 times been voted as one of the most admired professional service firms in the area, according to the Portland Business Journal's Most Admired Companies vote and currently holds the title of Most Admired Accounting Firm in Oregon. Perkins was recognized by Forbes as one of America's Best Tax and Accounting Firms and is the nine-time recipient of ClearlyRated's Best of Accounting™ award for

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