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BKD promotes Eric Babler to senior director

MADISON, Wis. – Jeff Naig, managing partner of BKD's Des Moines, Iowa and Madison, Wisconsin offices, is pleased to announce the promotion of <u>Eric Babler</u> to senior director. Babler delivers unmatched client experiences, embraces change and shows dedication to the firm's values and the accounting industry.

Babler's promotion coincides with <u>BKD's merger of equals with DHG to create **FORVIS**</u>, an enhanced, Top-10, national professional services firm providing assurance, tax and advisory services.

Career paths at FORVIS are divided into levels, and each position is defined by its own set of duties, responsibilities and competencies requiring cumulative and advanced degrees of education, training and experience. Personnel also must demonstrate their leadership abilities as coaches and mentors, as well as taking an active role in their community. Individuals become candidates for promotion after successfully mastering their existing level.

"Eric is an integral member of our team in Madison," Naig said. "His knowledge and expertise will continue to be tremendous assets in this new role."

Babler serves clients by providing tax services for a variety of industries, including real estate, hospitality, telecom, medicine, technology and legal. He is a graduate of University of Wisconsin – Madison with a bachelor's degree in accounting and a graduate of University of Wisconsin – Madison School of Law with a J.D. degree.

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