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CDS Managing Partner Brett Aamot Selected for MNCPA Leadership Cabinet Role

Brett's New Cabinet Role Provides Valuable Insights Benefiting CDS and Our Clients



Brett Aamot, CPA and Managing Partner at Conway, Deuth & Schmiesing, PLLP, was selected to be on the Minnesota Society of Certified Public Accountants (MNCPA) Leadership Cabinet starting this May.

The MNCPA Leadership Cabinet is an opportunity for members to think broadly about the issues and challenges of the profession while practicing and developing their leadership skills outside of their work environment. "Networking with other leading CPAs from around Minnesota has provided me with valuable insights that will benefit CDS and our clients," stated Brett.

Brett has been with Conway, Deuth & Schmiesing, PLLP since the firm was founded in 1985, becoming a partner in 1989. He obtained his CPA designation in 1985, became Managing Partner in 2000 and was voted "Super CPA" by *Twin Cities Business Monthly* in 2001 and 2002.

Brett practices in a variety of accounting and tax areas, but concentrates on auditing and small business consulting. He is active in a number of local civic organizations, including the Willmar Youth Football Association, and the United Way of West Central Minnesota (formerly United Way of Kandiyohi County). He has served as Past Board President, Campaign Chair and Treasurer and is currently serving as the 2009-2010 Campaign Chair. Brett's a Past Board of Director and Secretary for the Ridgewater College Foundation and Past President for Willmar Noon Lions Club and Rice Health Foundation. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), the Minnesota Society of Certified Public Accountants (MNCPA), and the Willmar Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce.

Amy Meagher Becomes Certified QuickBooks® ProAdvisor



Staff accountant Amy Meagher has passed Intuit's QuickBooks® Certification coursework and has become a Certified QuickBooks® ProAdvisor. Amy has been with Conway, Deuth & Schmiesing, PLLP since January 2008. She received her B.S. degree in Accounting from Northwestern College in Roseville, MN.

Heather Thompson Promoted to Firm Administrator



Heather Thompson has been promoted to Firm Administrator. Her new position will focus on management of the firm including strategic planning, marketing and promotion, employee relations, staff recruitment and retention, special projects and partner and staff development. She graduated from the College of St. Benedict and has been with Conway, Deuth & Schmiesing, PLLP since 2004 as the Marketing Coordinator.

Heather participates in a number of local civic organizations, including Co-Chair of the Marketing and Public Relations Committee for the Kandiyohi County and City of Willmar Economic Development Commission (EDC). In 2005, she was awarded the EDC's Volunteer of the Year Award. She also serves on the Investment committee for Empower: Women United in Philanthropy. Heather graduated in 2007 from the Blandin Leadership Program and in 2005 was awarded the 2005 BPW Young Careerist Award.

CDS receives highest possible ranking in AICPA Peer Review

Conway, Deuth & Schmiesing, PLLP received acceptance of their recent Peer Review from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) with the highest possible ranking. Firms enrolled in the Peer Review Program are required to have an independent peer review, once every three years, of their accounting and auditing practice. The AICPA Peer Review Program is dedicated to enhancing the quality of accounting, auditing and attestation services performed by AICPA members in public practice.

The Minnesota Sales and Use Tax Rate Will Increase to 6.875% Beginning July 1, 2009



The Minnesota state general sales and use tax rate will increase by three-eighths of one percent. Beginning July 1, 2009, the new rate will be 6.875 percent. The tax funds generated

will be used to protect our drinking water supplies, protect, enhance, and restore our wetlands, prairies, forests, and fish, game, and wildlife habitat; preserve our arts and cultural heritage; support our parks and trails; and protect, enhance, and restore our lakes, rivers, streams and groundwater.

Committed to Community Involvement

Conway, Deuth & Schmiesing, PLLP stresses the importance of giving back to the community. Partners and employees are actively involved in a number of local non-profit and civic organizations.

In 2008, partners and employees donated more than 3,125 hours of their time to improve the communities where we do business.

Check out our new community involvement area on our website: www.cdscpa.com/community

Meet Our New Employees



Jean Geselius joined Conway, Deuth & Schmiesing, PLLP in December 2008 as the Marketing Coordinator. She will oversee the firm's strategic marketing, public relations and Web site development and assist with internal communications. Jean brings 13 years of combined marketing, Web site development and graphic design experience. She and her husband, Todd, and their son, live in Willmar, MN.



Kelsey Olson joined Conway, Deuth & Schmiesing, PLLP in Willmar as a Receptionist/Administrative Assistant. Kelsey grew up in Montevideo, MN and graduated from Alexandria Technical College with an Administrative Assistant degree. Kelsey currently resides in Kandiyohi, MN.



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