



BENSON NAMED PARTNER OF MCGILL, POWER, BELL & ASSOCIATES, LLP

February 5, 2008 – Karen L. Benson, CPA, PFS, has been named a Partner of the certified public accounting firm of McGill, Power, Bell & Associates, LLP.

Benson has been with the firm for 13 years serving as a Manager. She specializes in pension and welfare benefit plans, personal financial planning, small business and individual tax planning and estate and succession planning.

“Karen is a great addition to the partnership of our firm,” states Dean Fair, Managing Partner of the firm. “She brings a great balance of accounting, pension auditing and management experience to MPB.”

Benson is a recognized leader and national speaker in the area of employee benefit plans. This year Karen will be speaking in Chicago, IL, Santa Fe, NM and Hershey, PA on employee benefit plans.

Benson is currently the chair of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) Employee Benefits Conference and treasurer of Community Resources for Independence. She has also been a member of the PICPA’s Federal Tax Committee, Employee Benefits Committee and the IRS and PA Department of Revenue Working Together Committee.

Before coming to McGill, Power, Bell & Associates, Benson spent 16 years working in Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Erie for Author Anderson, F.S. Fejes Company, Pashke, Twargowski and Lee and her own independent practice.

Benson lives in Erie with her husband, Jeffrey. They have three children, David, Kimberly and Jonathan.

McGill, Power, Bell & Associates is a regional certified public accounting firm with offices in Erie and Meadville. The firm, with more than 40 CPAs, professionals and support staff, provides comprehensive accounting and financial services to corporations, other businesses, nonprofit organizations, government agencies and individuals throughout western Pennsylvania.

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