



AREA ACCOUNTANTS ELECTED TO PICPA POSITIONS

July 10, 2008 – Karen L. Benson, CPA, PFS, Partner in the firm, and Bruce Lawrence, Manager at the firm, have been elected to positions with the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA).

Benson has been elected to a two-year term on the PICPA Council which is the organization's governing body. She was also named to the PICPA Executive Committee. Benson has been with McGill, Power, Bell & Associates for 13 years. She specializes in pension and welfare benefit plans, personal financial planning, small business and individual tax planning and estate and succession planning.

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

Lawrence was elected to the PICPA Professional Ethics Committee. He specializes in auditing with a focus on nonprofit and government entities. Lawrence is a member of the firm's Quality Control Committee, Audit Risk Assessment Standards Committee, and Government and Nonprofit Services Group.

The Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants is a professional association of more than 19,000 CPAs who work in public accounting, industry, government, and education. PICPA is the second-oldest state CPA organization in the United States.

McGill, Power, Bell & Associates, LLP is a regional certified public accounting firm with offices in Erie and Meadville. The firm, with more than 35 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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