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Chauff and Baiamonte Join Ericksen, Krentel & LaPorte

New Orleans (July 21, 2004) - Ericksen, Krentel & LaPorte, L.L.P., one of the top-ten accounting firms in the city recently announced two additions to its accounting team.

Stephanie Chauff and Gina Baiamonte are the newest members of the firm. Chauff, a recent graduate from the University of New Orleans (Master's and Bachelor's Degrees in Accounting) joins Ericksen, Krentel & LaPorte as a staff accountant. Baiamonte, who brings experience in tax compilations and accounting, was hired as a tax senior. She is also a graduate of UNO, with a Bachelor's degree in accounting and a Master of Science degree in accounting with the taxation option.

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