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EK&L PROMOTES SPERIER & CALVIN

New Orleans (July 29, 2004) - Ericksen, Krentel & LaPorte, L.L.P., one of the top-ten accounting firms in the city recently announced the following promotions:

Melissa Sperier has been promoted to Tax Senior. Carrie Calvin has been promoted to Audit Senior.

Since its founding in 1960, Ericksen, Krentel & LaPorte, L.L.P. has continued to provide an unparalleled level of high quality service to the South Louisiana business community. The firm's commitment to provide value-added services to our clients, together with its "not-just-the-numbers" approach is only part of its formula for success. The firm's broad menu of services including traditional audit and tax services, business valuation services; litigation support; technology consulting; personal financial and estate planning; and small business consulting.

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