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EK&L Announces New Hire Bach Yen Vu

New Orleans (July 21, 2005) – Ericksen, Krentel & LaPorte, L.L.P., one of the top-ten accounting firms in the city, recently announced a new hire. Ms. Bach Yen Vu has joined the Certified Public Accounting and Consulting Firm as a Senior Accountant in the Tax Department.

Ms. Vu graduated from the University of New Orleans in May 2003, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting. As a senior tax accountant with Ericksen, Krentel & LaPorte, her current responsibilities include tax and financial statement preparations.

Since its founding in 1960, Ericksen, Krentel & LaPorte, LLP 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. Ericksen, Krentel & LaPorte, LLP can be found on the web at www.ericksenkrentel.com.

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