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GRANT THORNTON ANNOUNCES DAVID GRIFFITHS AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF STATE AND LOCAL TAX PRACTICE

The Phoenix office of Grant Thornton LLP, the U.S. member firm of Grant Thornton International, which is celebrating its five-year anniversary in the Valley this year, is pleased to announce that David Griffiths, CPA, has been named the executive director of the state and local tax practices for the firm's Phoenix and Albuquerque offices. In his new role, Griffiths will be responsible for building and growing the state and local tax practice in Arizona and New Mexico by establishing client relationships and managing operational responsibilities. He will also determine the strategic direction and initiatives of the practice which will focus primarily on tax compliance, controversy issues and planning for state and local tax initiatives.

Griffiths has nearly 30 years of experience in the tax industry including developing and implementing state tax reduction strategies for large and mid-size multistate corporations. He has additional expertise with state income, premium, property, sales, and payroll taxes. Griffiths is recognized for his ability to analyze a company's current position and identify opportunities for improvement.

He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and California Society of Certified Public Accountants. Griffiths co-authored *Individual Multistate Tax Planning with Emphasis on California, Major Tax Planning* and *USC Institute on Federal Taxation*.

Griffiths resides in Phoenix.

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