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## WEISERMAZARS LLP ANNOUNCES LEADERSHIP CHANGES

**New York, NY – September 15, 2016** - WeiserMazars LLP today announced leadership changes that support the firm's long-term strategic plan and continued growth, with a 9% increase in revenues for the Fiscal Year ended August 31, 2016 marking the sixth consecutive year of revenue growth.

Effective September 1, 2016, **Michael Coletti** succeeds James Blake as the Office Managing Partner in New Jersey. James will continue as the firm's Managing Partner and a member of the Executive Committee (EC). **Craig Fine** succeeds Andrew Cohen as the Office Managing Partner in Long Island. Andrew will continue to serve on the EC, along with serving clients and assisting with the firm's growth strategy for Long Island. **Charles Abraham** is appointed to the leader of the Financial Services Group in New York succeeding James Kinney who will continue to provide support for the Financial Services Group growth plans, as well as the Long Island office. Additionally, effective January 1, 2017, **Kirk Eldridge** will succeed Vincent Burke as the Office Managing Partner in Pennsylvania. Vincent will continue with the firm as a consultant supporting the Insurance practice and the Philadelphia market.

Michael joined WeiserMazars' New Jersey office in 2003 and has over 18 years' experience. A New Jersey resident, Michael built a strong client base in the state along with significant ties to local businesses and charitable organizations. He is a member and contributor to the New Jersey State Society of CPA's, a board member of the Meadowlands YMCA, and is involved in the Meadowlands Chamber of Commerce and other local organizations. Michael held leadership positions in various service lines and led several firm projects and initiatives. Dedicated to talent management and growing the firm's New Jersey office, Michael is focused on specific and strategic initiatives that advance WeiserMazars' local visibility.

Craig joined WeiserMazars in 2012 through a strategic merger and has more than 25 years' experience providing business advisory services to clients in Long Island and the New York metro area. Since joining the firm, Craig has played a key role in several firm initiatives. He is the founding member of the Trusted Advisor Group, a network of industry experts focused on manufacturers and distribution business in the NY metro area. A frequent speaker at industry events, he presented at several local colleges. Craig will focus on growing the firm's Long Island practice through business development initiatives, and will have a role in the firm's external growth vision to increase visibility and market share in Long Island.

Kirk has more than 30 years' experience providing accounting, auditing, and tax preparation and planning services to a wide variety of businesses in the greater Philadelphia area. He has extensive leadership skills and experience, having led initiatives and programs at WeiserMazars and his prior firm. More recently, Kirk is instrumental in growing WeiserMazars' Pennsylvania office through cross-team collaboration, mentoring and creating a culture of accountability around client satisfaction. He is also involved in all levels of strategic office planning, from big-picture decisions to day-to-day operations. A lifelong Pennsylvania resident, Kirk was involved with and held board seats at several local charities and organizations.

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of WeiserMazars, Victor Wahba, stated: “Michael, Craig and Kirk are proven leaders with the industry knowledge and experience necessary to oversee the firm’s New Jersey, Long Island and Pennsylvania practice groups. They all played a critical role in helping the firm execute its growth strategy, and their unmatched commitment to clients and collegial spirit makes them the perfect candidates to oversee the firm’s continued growth in these regions.”

Charles, who joined WeiserMazars in 2003, will take over the Financial Services Group, where he has specialized in auditing investment companies, investment advisors and broker-dealers. He is a member of the New York State Society of CPA’s (NYSSCPA) and is currently the chair of the NYSSCPA SEC committee. Charles most recently led the Asset Management sub-sector of the Financial Services Group, and provided leadership for various industry seminars, firm initiatives and training. In his new role, Charles will focus on the strategic plans for the Financial Services Group.

“The Financial Services Group is one of WeiserMazars’ most dynamic and exciting practices,” says Wahba. “Charles’s outstanding track record of helping clients address complex regulatory challenges made his appointment an easy decision,” Wahba added.

#### **About WeiserMazars LLP**

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