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Peachtree City Accountant Selected for Prestigious "Top 10 Rising Stars" Accounting Award



Oct. 27, 2015 -- The National Academy of Public Accounting Professionals (NAPAP) has selected **Eric Kornegay, CPA**, of Brown Nelms & Co. CPAs in Peachtree City as one of the 2015 "Top 10 Public Accounting Professional Rising Stars" in Georgia. The award is designed to recognize outstanding public accounting professionals who have been practicing for less than fifteen years.

"We are very pleased to recognize Mr. Kornegay, whose expertise, leadership and impressive achievements in the field of public accounting while practicing for less than fifteen years have earned him this significant honor," says Paul Witte, Executive Director of NAPAP.

A primary charter of the National Academy of Public Accounting Professionals is to recognize and distinguish the top public accounting professionals in each state. The accountants who make the NAPAP "TOP 10 Rising Stars" list demonstrate an extensive amount of knowledge, skill, experience and success in the field of accounting, while practicing for less than 15 years. To achieve this award, the accountants must first be nominated by industry peers or satisfied clients. The nominees are reviewed by the NAPAP research committee, which evaluates each nominee's credentials against the award criteria, and compiles a list of finalists from which the NAPAP Board of Governors selects the Top 10 Rising Stars. Selection criteria include education, years of experience, areas of expertise, certifications, publications, awards, leadership, and client satisfaction.

Kornegay joined Brown, Nelms and Co. in 2005, and attained the position of Partner in the firm's Assurance Services practice in 2010. He provides audit and attest services to a variety of industries including construction, manufacturing, wholesale, not-for-profit and employee benefit plans. Prior to joining his current firm, Kornegay worked for several years as an auditor with two other CPA firms.

Kornegay received both a Master of Accountancy degree and a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from the Culverhouse School of Accountancy at the University of Alabama. He is licensed as a Certified Public Accountant in Georgia, Alabama and Florida.

In addition to being a member of numerous professional accounting organizations, Kornegay is actively involved with several associations servicing the construction industry. He recently served on the Board of Directors of the Georgia Branch of the Associated General Contractors of America and as the Chairman of their Young Leadership Program.

Nominations for the 2016 NAPAP "Top 10 Public Accounting Professionals" and "Top 10 Public Accounting Professional Rising Stars" awards will be accepted beginning January 1, 2016. For details, visit www.napapweb.org.

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