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## **Barnes Wendling CPAs Announce 2008 Promotions and New Hires**

**The Directors of Barnes Wendling CPAs are pleased to announce that Jennifer Gajda, CPA was promoted to Senior Manager in our Tax Department.** Jen specializes in partnership tax and is a tax generalist as well. She is a member of The Ohio Society of CPAs and the American Institute of CPAs. She is a graduate of The University of Notre Dame, where she received a Bachelor in Business Administration, with a Major in Accountancy. Jen resides in Seven Hills.

**Matthew Orians, CPA was promoted to Manager in our Accounting and Assurance Services Department.** Matt specializes in manufacturing, not-for-profits and HCAP agreed upon procedures. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the 20/30 Club. Matt graduated from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor in Business Administration. Matt resides in Cleveland.

**Matthew Silla, AM was promoted to Manager for Barnes Wendling Business Valuation Services, Inc.** Barnes Wendling Valuation Services, Inc. is a subsidiary of Barnes Wendling CPAs, Inc. Matt has over six years of professional experience and has spent the majority of his time performing financial analysis. His areas of specialization include the valuation of privately held companies, intangible assets and stock options. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration with a concentration in finance from Baldwin-Wallace College. Matt is an Accredited Member ("AM") with the American Society of Appraisers. He resides in Mayfield Heights.

**Brian Fehribach, CPA was promoted to a Senior in our Accounting and Assurance Services Department.** Brian works with manufacturers, distributors, computer software developers, and works on the audits of employee benefit plans. He is a graduate from The Ohio State University, where he graduated Magna Cum Laude, with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, with a specialization in Accounting. Brian resides in North Olmsted.

**Megan Baker was promoted to Advanced Staff.** Megan specializes in employee benefit plans. She also works on various audits, reviews, and compilations for various clients. Megan is a graduate of Cleveland State University, where she received a Bachelor of Business Administration. She resides in Brooklyn.

**Carrie Sillia was promoted to Advanced Staff.** Carrie works closely with our not-for-profit clients. She also works on various audits, reviews, and compilations for various clients. Carrie is a graduate of Cleveland State University, where she received a Bachelor of Business Administration. She resides in North Olmsted.

**Barnes Wendling CPAs** has been serving closely-held businesses throughout Ohio since 1946. In that time, the company has helped many different and diverse business owners and individuals build and maintain their net worth. Barnes Wendling CPAs provides the traditional services expected from a CPA firm – financial statements, individual and corporate tax return preparation, accounting services – with the belief that they must go beyond just the ordinary. That’s why Barnes Wendling CPAs created its unique client service objective to build and maintain its clients' net worth, called the Net Worth Planning Model. Whether the client is a for-profit enterprise or not-for-profit organization, the objective remains the same.

New Hires –

We are pleased to announce that we have recently hired three new staff accountants.

Chris Ponte – Staff Accountant in our Cleveland Office  
Kerry Dlugosz – Staff Accountant in our Cleveland Office  
Rich Gray – Staff Accountant in our Sheffield Office  
Joe Gross – Staff Accountant in our Sandusky Office

We have also hired Michael Bigrigg as a Financial Analyst for Barnes Wendling Valuation Services, Inc.

Barnes Wendling has offices in Cleveland, Sandusky, and Sheffield Village.

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