

Brown Smith Wallace LLC

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Brown Smith Wallace LLC Adds Doug Eckert *Leading International Tax Professional*

ST. LOUIS (May 16, 2011) Doug Eckert, CPA, has joined Brown Smith Wallace as member – tax services. Eckert will lead the firm’s international tax practice and advise clients on international expansion, developing global tax strategies, assessing global tax risk management and navigating the changing global tax environment.

“Doug’s extensive background with international tax, both at professional services firms and within industry, will enable us to better serve our clients considering or involved in international expansion,” says Marty Doerr, member in charge of tax services, Brown Smith Wallace. “Doug’s practical and knowledgeable perspectives on integrating international issues with federal and state and local considerations will help us leverage our strong capabilities in these areas.”

Eckert’s areas of expertise gained in his over 24 years of experience include global tax strategy development, cash repatriation strategies, transfer pricing, cross border disputes management, exporting initiatives, federal tax audit management, international tax compliance, and international expansion.

Prior to joining Brown Smith Wallace, Eckert spent seven years as Vice President, Corporate Taxation, at Gardner Denver, Inc. where he created the internal tax department. During his time at Gardner Denver, he assisted with multiple acquisitions enabling the company to grow from \$650 million to over \$2 billion in revenues. During his tenure, the effective tax rate was reduced from 33% to approximately 26% while nearly \$500 million of overseas earnings were tax efficiently repatriated. Eckert also previously served as an International Tax Director for four years at a publicly traded manufacturing company and spent 13 years with Big Four public accounting firms.

A licensed CPA, Eckert earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Accountancy from the University of Missouri – Columbia. He resides in Chesterfield with his wife and three children.

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