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**Vrakas/Blum Adds New Staff Accountants**

**Brookfield, WI** – The local public accounting and business advisory firm of Vrakas/Blum, S.C. is pleased to announce the addition of Melissa Dionne and Paul Rothering to the firm as staff accountants.

“Both Melissa and Paul bring a fresh, enthusiastic attitude to the firm” says James A. Holmes, CPA, Managing Shareholder and President of Vrakas/Blum. “We are excited to be recruiting some of the best young talent in the accounting profession right out of college. Our firm looks forward to the positive contributions they will make as they grow and develop in their careers.”

Dionne is a 2010 graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, with a Bachelor of Business Arts in Accounting and a 2011 graduate with a Masters of Professional Accountancy. She began her career at Vrakas/Blum as an intern in 2010 and has now joined the firm permanently as a staff accountant in the Tax and Audit department. Dionne is a life-long resident of Franklin, Wisconsin, having graduated from Franklin High School and is a member of Future Business Leaders of America.

Rothering is also a 2011 graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, with a Masters of Professional Accountancy. As a staff accountant in the Tax and Audit department, his primary responsibilities will be preparing individual, corporate and trust tax returns as well as assisting with audit, review and compilation procedures. Rothering resides in New Berlin, Wisconsin and enjoys leading an active lifestyle outside of the office.

Vrakas/Blum, S.C. is a regional mid-market accounting and consulting firm based in Brookfield, Wisconsin. The firm specializes in serving closely-held businesses and their owners, and offers a full range of services, including financial statement audits, reviews and accounting, tax planning and compliance, business advisory, merger, acquisition and divestiture assistance and consulting, business valuation and litigation support, business management software sales and consulting, and cost segregation. Vrakas/Blum, S.C. is a member firm of CPA Associates International, Inc., which includes over 150 affiliates with offices in most states and abroad.

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