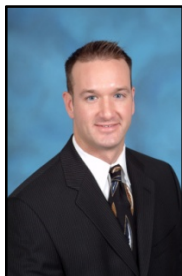




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HOWARD, WERSHBALE & CO. APPOINTS NOTARDONATO-COLE AND MILLER AS PRINCIPALS IN THE FIRM

CLEVELAND, OHIO – **January 1, 2009**: Ohio-based accounting and consulting firm **Howard, Wershbale & Co.** (HWCO) is pleased to announce the promotions of Barbara Notardonato-Cole, CPA and Brandon R. Miller, CPA, as Principals in the Firm.

- **Barbara Notardonato-Cole, CPA** is a member of the firm's Healthcare Advisors Group and provides a broad range of clients with health care consulting and business advisory services. Barb has been a member of the firm since 1995.
- **Brandon R. Miller, CPA** is a member of the firm's Accounting & Auditing Service Group and serves the Firm in the areas of attestation, tax planning and business consulting. Brandon joined the firm in 1997.

"These promotions demonstrate the commitment and dedication that Barb and Brandon have made to our Firm and the development of its (the Firm) strategic plan", says Stephen E. Stanisa, President and CEO of HWCO. "We are pleased to have them join our Principal group", added Stanisa.

About Howard, Wershbale & Co.

Howard, Wershbale & Co. is a certified public accounting and consulting firm, and is among Ohio's largest CPA firms with locations in Cleveland and Columbus, providing a broad range of accounting, consulting and tax services to a variety of industries and clients located throughout the United States. Howard, Wershbale & Co. is an independent member of the International Group of Accounting Firms (IGAF Worldwide). For more information, visit us online at www.hwco.com.

Recognition:

- *NorthCoast 99 Award* honoring the best workplaces for top talent in Northeast Ohio, five years running
- *NEO Success Award* for top public, private and emerging companies in Northeast Ohio
- *Inside Public Accounting* – recognized as "Best of the Best" of the Top 25 Performing CPA Firms in the nation

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