

Moore Colson, CPA, Begins Employee Exchange Program with United Kingdom IGAF Worldwide Partner HURST

Atlanta based CPA firm, Moore Colson recently kicked off its international employee exchange program with United Kingdom and IGAF Worldwide partner firm HURST. HURST is a leading business advisory and accounting firm in the North West of England, with offices in Manchester, Liverpool and Stockport. IGAF Worldwide is an international organization of independent local and regional firms of Certified Public Accountants.

The initial phase of the program brings Matt Severs, HURST Senior Accountant, to Atlanta and Moore Colson. At HURST, Matt is responsible for carrying out external statutory audits, internal audit assignments and SOX work for UK subsidiaries of US parent listed companies. While in the United States, Matt will become part of Moore Colson's Sarbanes-Oxley (SOX) consulting team. The mutual goal of Moore Colson and HURST is for Mr. Severs to gain specific knowledge about Sarbanes-Oxley documentation and testing projects, among others, and take that knowledge and experience back to the UK to serve Moore Colson clients with subsidiaries located in the UK and throughout Europe, as well as expand HURST's service offerings to other subsidiary companies in the UK. Moore Colson and HURST have frequently visited each other's firms over the years, and have made a mutual commitment to expand the relationship to better serve mutual clients and broaden international reach.

"It is our hope to become axis points for each other and to provide international business solutions for both organizations in the U.S. and Europe. With over 150 IGAF Worldwide firms, our service offering is really unlimited," says Todd McMullen, Senior Partner, Moore Colson.

"HURST's Manchester office offers a central hub for Moore Colson, with easy access to the UK and most of Europe. Equally, we believe Atlanta offers the same benefit for HURST conducting business in the United States. By utilizing both locations and the expertise from our two firms, the scenario for success is there. Most importantly, our two firms' business culture and approach is almost identical. We anticipate the venture will offer fruitful opportunities for both countries. The overall experience for our firm employees to work abroad is also a tremendous benefit," says Todd McMullen, Moore Colson.

HURST is a leading business advisory and accounting firm in the North West of England, with offices in Manchester, Liverpool and Stockport. The 10 partner firm specializes in providing 'local' accounting, tax, corporate finance and outsourcing support for businesses investing into the UK and is a leading member of IGAF. For more information about HURST, call 44 (0) 161-477-2474 or visit www.hurst.co.uk.

IGAF Worldwide is an international organization of independent local and regional firms of Certified Public Accountants, Chartered Accountants, or their professional equivalents. IGAF Worldwide was founded in 1977 for the purpose of providing members and their clients with the capability of furnishing a broad spectrum of accounting, auditing, and management services on an efficient and cost effective basis around the globe. With over 150 firms worldwide, nearly 350 offices and over 8,000 staff worldwide, including over 900 partners, IGAF Worldwide has \$600M in annual revenue as a network. IGAF Worldwide North America has 41 firms with revenues of over \$340M. For more information about IGAF Worldwide, call Kevin Mead at 678-417-7730 or visit www.igafworldwide.org.

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