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**WATKINS, MEEGAN, DRURY & COMPANY, L.L.C., EXPANDS
FORENSIC ACCOUNTING & DISPUTE SERVICES GROUP WITH
ADDITION OF EDWARD RODRIGUEZ AND MARY BETH RINALDI**

BETHESDA –January 2009 – Watkins, Meegan, Drury & Company, L.L.C. (Watkins Meegan), has added two highly regarded forensic and tax controversy specialists to its Forensic Accounting & Dispute Services Group.

Edward (Ed) Rodriguez, CAMS, has over 25 years of experience in conducting forensic accounting audits and investigations; specifically, money laundering, criminal tax matters, and financial crimes analysis. Ed is highly knowledgeable about requirements and penalties using the Bank Secrecy Act, and he has conducted complex domestic and international investigations using a wide variety of federal statutes, including the Internal Revenue Code. Prior to joining Watkins Meegan, Ed served as Chief of the Financial Section of the Department of Justice Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Fusion Center. He also served as a Special Agent-Senior Analyst in the Financial Crimes Section of the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation.

A frequent lecturer and instructor, Ed has a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting from Pace University and he is a Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS).

Mary Beth Rinaldi, Esq., has extensive experience managing civil and criminal tax controversy and litigation matters. She has successfully presented and defended taxpayer positions to the Internal Revenue Service, the U.S. Department of Justice, state tax authorities, and federal courts. Mary Beth advises clients on all aspects of federal and state controversy, including civil examinations, criminal investigations, IRS administrative appeals, mediation, collection, technical advice requests, and litigation. She coordinates forensic accounting investigations by managing data flow and production of materials in response to Information Document Requests, summonses and litigation discovery.

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Prior to joining Watkins Meegan, Mary Beth represented clients before the Internal Revenue Service as a Senior Associate at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP. She also worked as a trial attorney in the Internal Revenue Service's Office of Chief Counsel and as a tax attorney and advisor in the United States Tax Court. An active member of the American Bar Association Taxation Section, Mary Beth sits on the Civil & Criminal Tax Penalties, Standards of Tax Practice, and Court Procedures & Practices committees.

Mary Beth has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Boston University, a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Miami School of Law, and an LL.M. in Taxation from the Boston University School of Law.

"Our firm has many years of experience analyzing, investigating, and preparing evidence for litigation teams," said Managing Member Michael R. Micholas, CPA. "Ed and Mary Beth both have extraordinary technical knowledge and the hands-on experience that is required to resolve complex fraud and litigation issues. We are very pleased to have them on our team."

Watkins, Meegan, Drury & Company, L.L.C., was founded in 1975 and has grown steadily to rank today among the 100 largest Certified Public Accounting firms in the nation. The firm is headquartered in Bethesda, Maryland, with additional offices in Tysons Corner, Virginia, and Annapolis, Maryland. It offers a vast array of services including tax compliance and consulting, auditing and accounting, business process outsourcing, forensic accounting, government services, and more. In addition, we are proud to be a member of the International Group of Accounting Firms (IGAF). IGAF is one of the oldest, largest, and most well respected accounting networks in the world, with 140 firms with over 250 offices in 61 countries.

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