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PRESS release

Branko Marusic to Direct Stone Carlie's State and Local Tax Practice



St. Louis, MO, Feb. 14th, 2011 – In light of the recent dramatic increase in state government attempts to expand their tax reach on businesses, Stone Carlie & Company, L.L.C., certified public accountants and business advisors, has hired Branko J. Marusic, Jr. to direct its State and Local Tax Practice Services.

“Branko is a well-known advisor on state and local taxes and will provide our clients with the knowledge and planning they need to accurately assess the various tax risks and costs that exist when doing business in a particular state,” states Jeff Ward, Managing Partner. “Today’s businesses are repeatedly challenged with state inquiries and attempts to tax their operations, even when they don’t set foot in a particular state. In addition, many types of state taxes, such as sales and use, are frequently overlooked by businesses resulting in overpayments. Branko is an expert in tax planning for multistate business as well as identifying these potential refund opportunities.”

Mr. Marusic is an attorney and CPA with over 30 years of experience assisting companies obtain significant tax savings. He has argued state and local tax cases in front of state Supreme Courts, has assisted in the drafting of proposed state tax legislation and testified on its behalf before the Missouri General Assembly.

Mr. Marusic began his career with a Big 4 accounting firm, where he served as the firm’s Missouri state tax expert. He then became a partner in a national tax consulting firm that provided tax savings opportunities to Fortune 1000 companies. He then formed Prism Tax Solutions, to focus on serving the needs of small and medium sized companies. Branko has worked with most types of businesses and industries, including retailers, manufacturers, service providers, health care providers, contractors and the entertainment and amusement industry, assisting them in identifying substantial state tax savings that had previously been missed. “His background of law, Big 4 Accounting and Tax Refund and Savings Planning will enhance our clients’ efforts to plan and minimize state tax,” added Richard Kraner, Senior Member. In addition, he has provided his clients with audit representation, letter ruling requests, analysis of tax exposure in non-filing states, voluntary disclosure agreements and has brokered tax settlement agreements between his clients and departments of revenue.

About Stone Carlie

[Stone Carlie & Company, L.L.C.](#) is a provider of tax and business advisory services to medium-sized companies and their owners and executives in the Midwest region. Stone Carlie has over 60 years of experience in providing extensive business and individual services including all levels of tax preparation and tax planning services, assurance services, Financial Insights Services, Tax Insight Services, strategic business planning, executive financial planning, financial education workshops, investment advisory services and estate and succession planning. Stone Carlie also provides valuation services, business performance reviews, merger and acquisition services, and healthcare consulting including medical practice management. For more information, contact Carl van der Horst at 314-889-1109 or cvdhorst@stonecarlie.com.

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