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Bruce Piller is the Managing Partner of the Chicago Office of KPMG. He is also the Partner-in-Charge of the Audit practice for the Chicago and Milwaukee offices. He is responsible for the overall operations and results of the Chicago Office, including financial performance, employee satisfaction, audit quality, client satisfaction and community involvement. He has 26 years of experience with KPMG.

Bruce joined the Dallas office of KPMG in 1980, was admitted into the partnership in 1991, and transferred to Chicago in 2002. Prior to assuming his current role, Bruce held several other leadership positions in the firm, including campus recruiting leader for the Southwest, leader of KPMG’s Southwest manufacturing, retailing, and distribution practice, and partner in charge of the Audit practice for Dallas/Fort Worth.

He has extensive experience working with manufacturing, distribution and restaurant companies. His project experience includes serving as an adviser regarding financial, accounting, and business matters, and also advising on acquisitions and divestitures. Bruce also has extensive international experience and SEC reporting experience. Bruce has served on a number of KPMG national committees, serves as an instructor for a number of KPMG national training courses, and is a frequent speaker at KPMG and civic activities.

Bruce graduated from Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas, with a BBA degree in accounting. He is actively involved in the Chicago community, serving on the board of directors of the Shedd Aquarium, Junior Achievement of Chicago, and March of Dimes. He is also a member of the Chicago Economic Club, Chicago Executives’ Club, and National Association of Corporate Directors. He serves as Chairman of the Accountants’ Coalition of the Illinois Society of CPAs and is a member of the AICPA and Illinois and Texas Society of CPAs. Bruce is licensed to practice in Illinois, Texas, and Kentucky.

Phil Bach is a Director in KPMG’s Forensic Practice for the Midwest Region. Since 1999, Phil has been conducting forensic accounting engagements involving companies and government entities in a variety of industries. He has experience investigating financial statement fraud, employee misconduct issues, embezzlements and other white collar frauds. Phil is the Co-leader of the KPMG Midwest’s Dispute Advisory Services Group where he works with attorneys and companies providing consultation for litigation. He also acts as a neutral arbitrator in financial disputes between companies and works with clients to design, implement, and evaluate anti-fraud entity level controls.

Phil joined KPMG in 2005 after spending more than six years at a regional accounting firm in Chicago. During those years, Phil split his time between leading audits in several industries and conducting forensic investigation and litigation support services. Prior to his work at the regional firm, Phil spent seven years at smaller CPA firms performing financial statement audits, reviews, compilations and preparing tax returns for corporations, partnerships and individuals.

Phil is involved in the community as a board member for the Anti Defamation League and is the immediate past president of the Alumni Association for Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois. He has served as Treasurer of the Streeterville Chamber of Commerce and as the Secretary and Training Officer of the Chicago Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. As a member of the Illinois CPA Society, he serves on the Ethics Committee and is a member of the AICPA.