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**BMSS Advisors & CPAs Creates Two New Roles to Support Firm's Growth**

To support and serve the growing, dynamic needs of BMSS clients and employees, the firm has created two new roles, an advisor in residence and a scholar in residence.

Kelly Myers, MBA, EA, serves as BMSS' advisor in residence leveraging decades of IRS and public accounting experience to strategically add value to BMSS' varied client base. Kelly is also a tax consultant with Myers Consulting Group, LLC, based in Huntsville, Alabama. He provides tax seminars, advisory, and controversy services to clients which include individuals, businesses, and accounting firms.

Kelly spent over 30 years with the Internal Revenue Service until 2017, with the last 20 years working for the Washington, DC Headquarters as a Senior Technical Advisor. His IRS experience included official guidance projects, examiner and litigation technical support and implementing new legislation. He has developed efficient tax strategies in both preparation and controversy arenas.

He has been a guest speaker for numerous CPA and EA continuing education events, IRS Nationwide Tax Forums, national tax associations and others in both live settings and webinars. Kelly currently serves as a Director for the National Society of Accountants (NSA) for 2023-2025 (Federal Tax and Governance Committees), an alternate member of IRS Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP; 2023-2025) and past member of the Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council (IRSAC; 2020-2022).

Steve Platau is the firm's scholar in residence and advises BMSS leadership on assurance, tax and risk management issues that can be used for the benefit of current and future BMSS clients. Steve has been an esteemed professor of accounting for The University of Tampa since 1984 and is a nationally recognized speaker and risk management resource who travels the country providing continuing professional education (CPE) classes.

Within the field of law, he specializes in professional liability/malpractice of accountants and attorneys; arbitration and mediation ADR for commercial and professional disputes; and the formation, organization, and taxation of business enterprises. He is currently a member of the Florida Board of Accountancy, the NASBA Ethics Committee, and the American Arbitration Association Large & Complex Case Panel.

Steve previously served with the Board of Governors for the Florida Institute of CPAs from 1994 to 2002 and has also served with the State Legislative Committee, the Florida Institute of CPAs and the Dale Mabry Elementary PTA.

*BMSS Advisors & CPAs was established in 1991 with the goal of creating a CPA firm that would provide peace of mind for its clients while sustaining a healthy, happy culture for its employees. As this vision has been realized, BMSS has grown to be one of the Southeast's top advisory and accounting firms with six offices in Alabama and Mississippi. BMSS specializes in several industries, including (but not limited to) manufacturing, wholesale distribution, construction, technology, nonprofit and government contracting. In addition to tax planning and compliance and assurance services the firm boasts a robust business advisory practice area which includes transaction advisory, valuation, client accounting solutions, and CFO advisory services. BMSS also specializes in state and local tax, estate planning and employee benefit plan audits. BMSS is an independent member of the BDO Alliance USA, a nationwide association of independently owned local and regional accounting, consulting, and service firms with similar client service goals.*