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ACCOUNTANTS & ADVISORS

**Press Release**  
**Jackson Reece & Scott and**  
**Hancock Askew & Co., LLP Merge**

*Combination expands Atlanta Service Offerings*

ATLANTA, GA| – Jackson, Reece and Scott, PC (JRS), has joined forces with Hancock, Askew & Co., LLP (HAC), a regional accounting firm with offices in Atlanta and Savannah. The combined firm will operate as Hancock Askew & Co., LLP and its Atlanta offices are relocated at 275 Scientific Drive, Suite 2500, Norcross, GA 30092.

HAC has 3 partners and approximately 20 professionals serving the Atlanta area with 10 partners and 60 professionals firm-wide. This combination results in a stronger firm with expanded resources in Atlanta to continue providing financial statement audit services to both private and public companies, internal audit including Sarbanes-Oxley Section 404 services, along with tax, estate planning and business advisory services for executives, retirees, business owners, and small to medium sized businesses in a variety of industries.

For 20 years, Jackson, Reece & Scott has been a leading firm in the Atlanta area and has served as a trusted business partner, assisting growth-oriented, private businesses; entrepreneurs; and high-net-worth individuals. JRS has earned an excellent reputation for technical quality and client service. Russell Reece is a founding partner of JRS and will head up the Atlanta HAC office business services group. He specializes in providing accounting and tax advice to closely held business clients and the individuals who own them. Eddie Scott joined JRS in 1993 as a tax partner and will lead the Atlanta HAC tax service offering for high net worth and high income individuals. He specializes in providing proactive tax planning and compliance services for a wide range of clients including high net worth individuals, retirees, trusts, estates, and charitable entities.

Chad Miller, an audit/advisory service partner with Hancock Askew running the firm's Atlanta audit practice prior to the merger, will continue to serve as a partner in the Atlanta audit and

assurance group providing financial statement audit services to public and private companies along with continuing to build the firm's internal audit practice.

## Quotes

“Expanding our service offering in Atlanta is a key strategic initiative for our Firm. We are excited to have JRS become part of the Hancock Askew organization. They are a highly respected firm that focuses on providing exceptional client service and they are culturally aligned with HAC. Jackson Reece and Scott's long standing reputation in the Atlanta area made them an ideal partner in achieving our growth vision. The talent and expertise within JRS will allow us to enhance our expertise and market share in Atlanta as well as the state of Georgia.”

~ **Michael McCarthy,**  
**Managing Partner of Hancock Askew**

“This combination allows us to serve the accounting, tax and consulting needs of our growing Atlanta client base. We are excited to join a firm that has the same values as our professionals and view this combination as a great cultural fit for our firm and will provide additional growth opportunities for our people and our clients.”

~ **Russell Reece,**  
**Founding Partner of JRS**

## About Hancock Askew & Co., LLP (HAC)



Hancock Askew & Co., LLP is a professional services firm tracing its origins in Savannah back to 1910. We help companies identify and capitalize on business opportunities and we are committed to helping our clients succeed. We provide services in audit, tax, internal controls and risk management, transactions, valuation, cost segregation and other critical business performance issues. With offices in Atlanta and Savannah, Hancock Askew celebrated their 100 year anniversary last year, and was number 16 in *Accounting Today's* Medium Sized Firm Category of 2010 Best Firms to Work For. Hancock Askew has been selected for the third year in a row for the Alfred P. Sloan Award for Flexibility in the Workplace. HAC is an independent member of the BDO Seidman Alliance.

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