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## **Weaver and Tidwell's Alyssa Martin Named to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dallas County Board of Directors**

DALLAS-FORT WORTH, TEXAS (July 15, 2009) – Alyssa G. Martin, CPA, of Weaver and Tidwell, L.L.P., has been named to the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dallas County Board of Directors.

Martin serves as the Dallas executive partner of Weaver and Tidwell and leads the firm's Risk Advisory Services. She has more than 21 years experience in public accounting, including her role as partner overseeing risk management, internal audit and IT audit services. Martin joined Weaver and Tidwell in 1998 as a result of its merger with Hoffman, McBryde & Co., P.C. Her practice emphasis consists of risk advisory, internal audit, IT audit and security, business management consulting and strategic planning. Her private sector experience includes filling the role of controller for a holding company that retained interest in multiple publicly-traded companies.

Martin graduated from the University of Texas at Dallas with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration/accounting and a Master of Business Administration. She is currently a member of several professional boards including Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants (TSCPA) where she also sits on numerous committees, Accounting Education Foundation of TSCPA, University of Texas at Dallas' School of Management Advisory Board, *Today's CPA* Editorial Board and Texas Workforce Commission of the Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce.

Her professional memberships also include, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), the Dallas and Fort Worth chapters of the Institute of Internal Auditors and the Information Systems Audit and Control Association and American Woman's Society of CPAs. She also actively participates in organizations that address educational issues and the arts. A frequent author of articles that address Risk Management, IT and Internal Audit topics, Martin writes a monthly column for the *Dallas Business Journal* titled, "Management Matters."

Big Brothers Big Sisters is a donor supported volunteer organization that places caring adults in the lives of children in one-to-one mentoring relationships. Through the positive impact of those friendships, children with a Big Brother or Big Sister are more likely to graduate from high school and are less likely to begin using drugs, begin using alcohol or engage in negative conflict. Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Texas covers a vast 52-county service area. Seven regional boards, comprised of members local to each community, govern activities that directly impacts specific communities. The Dallas County Board of Directors of Big Brothers Big Sisters consists of 26 members.

Founded in 1950, Weaver and Tidwell L.L.P. currently employs approximately 385 employees, including over 280 accountants and consultants. With offices in Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio and Austin, Weaver and Tidwell is ranked the largest independent certified public accounting firm in the Southwest by *Practical Accountant* magazine.

The firm represents a broad range of clients including large national and international corporations, publicly and privately held businesses, nonprofit organizations, and government entities. In addition to the firm's audit, accounting and tax services, its accountants and consultants practice in the areas of business valuation; estate planning/wealth transfer; forensic accounting; international services; property tax; risk advisory services; and state and local tax. It also performs peer reviews for other accounting firms.

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