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## News Release

### **Bullard, Blanchard, Johns, PLLC Joins LarsonAllen**

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**CHARLOTTE, N.C.—November 1, 2004—** John Richter, board member and principal in charge of the Charlotte office for LarsonAllen (Larson, Allen, Weishair & Co., LLP), the 16<sup>th</sup> largest professional service firm in the U.S., announces that Bullard, Blanchard, Johns, PLLC (BBJ) joined LarsonAllen effective November 1, 2004. The resulting Charlotte office of LarsonAllen will represent the 6<sup>th</sup> largest accounting firm office in the Charlotte area.

BBJ has a reputation for providing exceptional accounting, financial and tax consulting services in Charlotte. By joining LarsonAllen, BBJ clients will have access to a broad range of specialized services to closely-held businesses, and focused industry expertise in the areas of health care, construction and real estate, dealerships, manufacturing and distribution, financial institutions and public service entities, as well as financial services provided through LarsonAllen Financial, LLC, member NASD & SIPC. LarsonAllen clients will benefit from the addition of BBJ's substantial tax resources, now resident in their Charlotte office.

BBJ brings 13 additional members to the LarsonAllen office in Charlotte, boosting the total employees to nearly 60 during the tax season. In the next two years, LarsonAllen expects that number to reach 85 based on the historical and expected growth rate for the Charlotte office.

“BBJ joining LarsonAllen is a significant step in our goal to strengthen our already strong regional hub in Charlotte.” said Richter. “In particular, the wide range of audit and tax skills they possess will be an outstanding addition to our existing services.”

“Our substantial audit and tax practice, focused on closely held, for-profit businesses and individual taxpayers, will broaden their client base and provide local tax expertise for their existing clients,” comments Greg Johns, managing member of BBJ. “One of our roles in the newly combined

Charlotte office business plan is to help expand their largely health care focused practice into the broader range of closely-held businesses which we serve.”

“I’m excited about having a premier local firm join LarsonAllen and continue to build on the success we have enjoyed in Charlotte. Our firms hold very similar practice philosophies and combining their strong local presence with our industry expertise will bring exciting new capabilities to Charlotte’s middle market organizations,” said Jeff Kvilhaug, principal at LarsonAllen.

LarsonAllen (Larson, Allen, Weishair & Co., LLP) is a professional service firm that provides assurance, accounting, tax, consulting and advisory services to organizations and individuals managing business ventures and finance. Founded in 1953, LarsonAllen’s certified public accountants, consultants and advisors are dedicated to providing quality results to clients. LarsonAllen has 800 employees and \$100 million in annual revenues. Offices are located in the Upper Midwest (Minneapolis, St. Cloud, Austin, and Brainerd, Minn; and Eau Claire, Wis.), the Midwest (St. Louis), the East (Philadelphia), and Southeast (Charlotte, N.C.).

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