



Haskell & White, Katherman Kitts & Co. Combine Practices

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Irvine, Calif.-based **Haskell & White** (FY16 net revenue of \$12.4 million) and **Katherman Kitts & Co.** of Irvine announce they have combined their practices, and are now operating under the Haskell & White name.

The expansion bolstered the combined international tax practice with the entire team of Katherman Kitts & Co. moving to Haskell & White. **James Katherman** and **Stacie Kitts** joined the firm as partners.

The union of these two organizations comes at a time when the nation's tax laws are on the brink of a major overhaul, and clients will require more guidance than ever. By combining the staffs and resources of both teams under the Haskell & White brand, all clients will have access to an extremely deep bench of hard-working and talented CPAs, now totaling more than 75 professionals, the firms announced.

"With this combination, Haskell & White enhances its already robust standing in the market. We will add more capabilities, including Katherman Kitts & Co.'s deep experience with technology companies and international tax expertise, to bring an even greater level of service to the clients of both firms," says Haskell & White's MP **Wayne Pinnell**. "Having worked in the same building with Katherman Kitts & Co. for several years, we have gotten to know them personally as well as professionally, and we believe the cultures of our teams will blend seamlessly while producing excellent results."

The clients of Katherman Kitts & Co. will gain access to Haskell & White's team of professionals, resources and benefits that have been a hallmark of Haskell & White. These capabilities include a team of audit professionals able to provide reviews, financial audits and retirement plan auditing, as well as access to a worldwide network of CPA firms in the **Leading Edge Alliance**.

In a joint statement, Katherman and Kitts say, "We are very much looking forward to this new relationship with Haskell & White as it is an excellent move for our team at Katherman Kitts & Co. and – more importantly – it will bring even greater value to our clients, give our employees considerable growth opportunities and allow for operating efficiencies."

Katherman emphasizes that since Haskell & White shares similar client service philosophies, the business combination will not change the clients' fee structure or service.