



## NEWS RELEASE

### **Kaiser Consulting Announces Six New Shareholders**

POWELL, OH - June 20, 2018 - Kaiser Consulting, LLC, an accounting and information technology firm, is proud to announce Hilary Dodson, Michele Himes, Tracey Holecek, Jill Kerns, Michelle Martin, and Angela McDermott are the firm's newest shareholders.

The promotion of key members of the firm's management team reflects Kaiser Consulting's commitment to recognizing the unique contributions of each professional based upon their distinct experiences and talents.

"Hilary, Michele, Tracey, Jill, Michelle, and Angela are accomplished professionals who earned their positions as shareholders through hard work, innovative thinking, and outstanding customer service," said Lori Kaiser, CPA, Founder and CEO of Kaiser Consulting. "As shareholders, we are committed to ensuring the firm's long-term success. This commitment is illustrated by our enduring focus on the prosperity of the firm's clients and employees, as well as our collective dedication to preserving the firm's unique culture and core values."

Hilary Dodson, CPA, joined the firm in 2008 and is Director of Client Service. With over 20 years of Big 4 accounting and private industry experience, Hilary focuses her extensive accounting and auditing expertise on a diverse array of engagements including US-SOX/J-SOX compliance audits, outsourced accounting, and internal control assessments. Hilary holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from The Ohio State University and previously practiced accounting in Rochester, New York.

Michele Himes, CPA, CGMA, joined the firm in 2008 and is Director of Client Service. A Chartered Global Management Accountant, Michele manages a large portfolio of regulatory compliance audits, outsourced accounting, and process improvement projects employing her significant auditing, finance, and US-SOX/J-SOX skills derived from over 20 years of experience, including her time at a Big 4 and in private industry. Michele holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from The Ohio State University. A native of Ohio, Michele has worked in the capital city of Columbus throughout her accounting career.

Tracey Holecek, CPA, joined the firm in 2013 and is Director of Client Service. Tracey utilizes her deep understanding of US-SOX/J-SOX, financial reporting, and strategic planning stemming from over 20 years of Big 4 accounting and private industry experience to oversee a multitude of engagements, including compliance audits, outsourced accounting, and transaction advisory consulting projects. Tracey holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from John Carroll University. Formerly from Buffalo, New York, Tracey started her accounting career in Cleveland, Ohio.

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Jill Kerns, CISA, joined the firm in 2010 and is Director of IT Compliance and Data Security. A Certified Information Systems Auditor with 15 years of computer systems experience, including working as an IT consultant at a Big 4, Jill leads the firm's Information Technology Compliance Group and specializes in US-SOX/J-SOX IT compliance audits and IT internal control assessments. Jill holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Systems Analysis from Miami University. Born and raised in Central Ohio, Jill's IT career has been centered around Columbus.

Michelle Martin, CPA, CGMA, joined the firm in 2005 and is the Controller of Kaiser Consulting. Drawing upon over 25 years of Big 4 accounting and private industry experience, Michelle is responsible for the day-to-day financial operations of the firm. Additionally, Michelle supervises client auditing and accounting projects utilizing her in-depth knowledge of US-SOX/J-SOX compliance, internal controls, and process improvements. Michelle holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from The Ohio State University and has worked in Columbus since graduating from college.

Angela McDermott joined the firm in 2011 and is Director of Operations. Skillfully deploying her over 20 years of business development and management expertise, Angela provides the leadership for developing and executing the firm's sales, marketing, communications, and recruiting strategies. She is instrumental in relationship building and identifying how members within the business community can benefit from the firm's value-added services. Angela holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Healthcare Administration from Northern Illinois University. Before relocating to Central Ohio, Angela previously worked in the Chicago, Illinois area.

#### **About Kaiser Consulting**

Kaiser Consulting offers a broad range of industry-specific accounting, finance, and information technology services including US-SOX/J-SOX and regulatory compliance audits, outsourced accounting, transaction advisory consulting, internal control assessments, and process improvement solutions. For over 25 years, our accomplished professionals have been providing specialized services to businesses ranging in size from the smallest privately-owned companies to multinational publicly-traded companies, as well as nonprofit organizations. Headquartered in Powell, Ohio, Kaiser Consulting is an all-woman owned firm with over 60 employees. The firm is currently the 8<sup>th</sup> largest accounting firm in Central Ohio based on the number of CPA's serving clients according to research conducted by *Columbus Business First*. Kaiser Consulting also has operations in Cincinnati, Ohio. To learn more, please visit our website at [www.kaiserconsulting.com](http://www.kaiserconsulting.com).

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