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### **HORNE LLP Hires Ed Simmons as Fraud, Forensic & Litigation Manager**

RIDGELAND, Miss., September 19, 2011—HORNE LLP, one of the top 50 accounting and business advisory firms in the nation, announced today the hiring of Ed Simmons, CPA/ABV, CVA, CFE, CFF, as a manager in fraud, forensic and litigation services.

Simmons joined HORNE with more than 20 years combined experience in public accounting and private industry, including significant experience overseeing operations for private business. He specializes in litigation support, expert witness services, forensic accounting, fraud investigation and business valuation services.

Simmons is a graduate of Mississippi State University and received his Master of Business Administration from the University of Alabama. He is a licensed Certified Public Accountant in Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana, and serves on the Business Valuation and Litigation Support Committee of the Mississippi Society of Public Accountants.

HORNE is one of the top 50 accounting and business advisory firms in the country, as reported *Accounting Today*, and one of the top 10 accounting and business advisory firms in the Southeast. With offices in Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, Louisiana and Texas, the firm serves clients across the nation. For more information on HORNE LLP, visit [www.horne-llp.com](http://www.horne-llp.com).

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