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FGMK's mission is to uphold a standard of excellence among accounting and consulting firms by providing comprehensive expertise to our clients out of both its Bannockburn, Illinois, and downtown Chicago offices. While continuing to exceed client expectations, FGMK fosters internal growth through career development, training, and support for the firm's valued and dedicated professionals.

They were recently ranked the 49th largest accounting and advisory firm in the United States on Accounting Today's "Top 100 Firms" list, the 5th largest firm on Accounting Today's "Top Firms: Great Lakes" list, and the 11th largest firm on Crain's "Chicago's Largest Accounting Firms" list for 2019.

FGMK has remained committed to its vision of identifying opportunities that create value for the firm's clients while continuously expanding its services to address their unique needs. The firm's cultural pillars are founded in the belief that individual

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engagement begins with offering an abundance of opportunities for the firm's people to grow and develop professionally and personally. This culture promotes growth and collaboration across practice areas, which benefits FGMK's clients.

The company is growing across all service lines and is anticipating continued sustained growth in its Tax practice. Within Tax, FGMK's Specialty Tax practices are growing at a record pace to meet market demand. Notably, its State and Local Tax ("SALT") practice grew significantly over the past year. The SALT team's tremendous growth is being driven by both the expansion of the firm's clients' business footprint across state lines, as well as the ever-changing state tax landscape that results largely from states' ongoing budgetary pressures and corresponding energized tax collections as well as increased audit activity. The opportunities, both to strategically expand talent in this key area, as well as to work side-by-side with the firm's clients to resolve the most complex and nuanced state tax issues, are endless.

They expect continued growth in their SALT practice. Throughout that growth, FGMK will remain laser-focused on its SALT professionals' broad and deep state tax technical expertise and professional growth in a range of disciplines. This includes the firm's commitment to developing and

maintaining best practices internally, and being trusted, proactive state tax advisors to its clients and the business community.

FGMK's relationship with the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, and particularly its Tax Institute led by Keith Staats, will remain invaluable in that regard. Not only is the Chamber an important advocate in the Illinois market for our clients, but its Tax Institute is a crucial resource for our SALT personnel relating to Illinois and Chicago tax technical and legislative matters.

The Tax Institute provides vital, real-time information concerning Illinois and Chicago statutory, regulatory and administrative tax guidance, state and city legislative tax proposals, including insights into local politics, as well as on-site and remote trainings and webinars, all which FGMK's SALT practice leverages to ensure its clients' businesses are well poised for compliance and growth. In closing, this past September, FGMK was a proud sponsor of the Chamber's annual luncheon, and the firm looks forward to continuing its strong relationship with the Chamber and its Tax Institute in support of each other's purpose.

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