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***Keiter Stephens is proud to announce that it has been named to INSIDE Public Accounting's Best of the Best Honorable Mentions list for 2009.***

Glen Allen, Virginia, October 12, 2009 -- **Keiter, Stephens, Hurst, Gary & Shreaves, P.C.**, was one of 25 accounting firms nationwide to receive an honorable mention in the annual "America's Best-Managed Accounting Firms" survey.

INSIDE Public Accounting's **Best of the Best** recognition honors 25 firms annually for their wise management and superior operational performance in fiscal and management metrics based on over 50 criteria. Another 25 firms are recognized with designations as **Best of the Best Honorable Mentions**. This is the 15<sup>th</sup> year INSIDE Public Accounting (IPA) has named the best-managed accounting firms. 245 firms participated in this year's IPA Annual Survey and Analysis of Firms. Each of the firms is eligible for the IPA Best of Best and Best of the Best Honorable Mention designation, regardless of size.

The 2009 Best of the Best and Best of the Best Honorable Mention firms range in size from \$3 million to \$168 million; represent all regions of the country; some firms are heavily focused on audits, some on tax, and several derive up to 40% of their revenues from non-traditional services.

"The success of these firms is a tribute to the leadership of all of the firms recognized this year as a Best of the Best and Best of the Best Honorable Mention. Their stellar performance defies economic trends by recognizing the long-term goals that are needed in order to sustain growth through both prosperous times and down times." says **Kelly Platt**, principal of the Platt Group and publisher of INSIDE Public Accounting. "We salute all of these firms and recognize their overall management strategies as models that the profession can be quite proud of," Platt says.

Revenue growth of this group averaged 13%, compared to their peers at 7%. Income growth averaged 10.4%, significantly higher than the average of all firms at 4.3%. These firms carefully weave together benefit packages, staff salaries, expense management, staff leverage, training, strategic planning, investments in their future, and the right feedback systems to accelerate growth and success of their firms.

**About *INSIDE Public Accounting*:** IPA was founded in 1987, and is published by The Platt Group. Michael Platt and Kelly Platt are the principals of The Platt Group, located in Carmel, Indiana. *INSIDE Public Accounting's* monthly newsletter, reports and analyzes the news, trends, strategies and politics that affect the nation's public accounting firms, providing them with the information and resources they need to compete and operate more profitably.

**About *Keiter, Stephens, Hurst, Gary & Shreaves*:** Keiter, Stephens, Hurst, Gary & Shreaves, PC, headquartered in Richmond, Virginia, offers a variety of accounting and consulting services. With 18 principals and a total of 120 employees including 56 CPAs on staff, KSHGS is one of the largest CPA firms in Central Virginia. KSHGS specializes in serving privately-held businesses and their owners and a growing number of publicly-held companies. A significant focus of its practice serves the distribution, manufacturing, service, retail, real estate, and not-for-profit industries. The Firm has offices in Richmond and Charlottesville, Virginia. The Firm's mission is to deliver quality client service, provide fulfilling careers, and share time and resources to build stronger communities. For more information on Keiter Stephens, please visit [www.kshgs.com](http://www.kshgs.com)

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