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Freed Maxick hires accounting industry veteran as tax director

Rochester, NY – January 10, 2009 - Freed Maxick & Battaglia, CPAs, PC announces that Thomas R. Chiavetta, CPA/ABV, CVA has been hired to join the Firm's Rochester office as a Director in the Tax Practice. Mr. Chiavetta has over 30 years experience in the accounting profession, spending the early part of his career with a "Big Four" accounting firm. Prior to joining Freed Maxick, he practiced at another Rochester-area CPA firm, where he was a Partner since 1996. His background and experience includes tax compliance and consulting for public (SEC) companies and privately-held businesses operating with multi-state and international operations. He is experienced with SFAS 109 tax compliance and will oversee the preparation of corporate income tax returns and review of annual and quarterly provisions for income taxes. Chiavetta will also be a member of the Firm's international tax practice, providing tax compliance and consulting to multi-national companies, with an emphasis on cross-border transactions.

Mr. Chiavetta also has earned the designations of Accredited in Business Valuation (ABV) as well as a Certified Valuation Analyst (CVA). He performs business valuation and related services for a variety of purposes including buy-sell arrangements, matrimonial matters, in connection with buying and selling a business, and for gift and estate matters.

"We feel that Tom's industry expertise, specifically in tax and business valuations, will really boost our efforts to help attract and retain clients. We are all excited to be working with him," said Dave Bernardi, Managing Director of Freed Maxick's Rochester office.

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"What attracted me to the Firm is its depth of resources. Freed Maxick & Battaglia is a growing regional firm with the strategic national resources of RSM McGladrey. It's a great combination for clients – a service-minded local firm that can deliver the resources of a national firm." said Tom Chiavetta.

Mr. Chiavetta has published articles in professional journals and in a local Rochester, N.Y. newspaper circulated to attorneys, bankers, and other professionals. Mr. Chiavetta is very active in the Rochester, New York community. He is a graduate of the Rochester Institute of Technology, Nazareth College and St. John Fisher College. He has a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, a Masters of Science in Education and a MBA. He began his career with a "Big Four" accounting firm.

About Freed Maxick & Battaglia, CPAs

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