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**PENDER NEWKIRK & COMPANY ANNOUNCES PROMOTIONS**  
**Advancement for Audit Department Professionals**

TAMPA, Fla. (August 13, 2010) – Pender Newkirk & Company, Certified Public Accountants is pleased to announce the promotions of the following individuals within the firm’s Audit Department.

**Jessica Fetting** has been promoted to Audit Manager. Fetting has served as an Audit Senior with Pender Newkirk & Company since 2007. She joined the firm as an Audit Staff in 2006. She earned her bachelor’s degrees in both Accounting and Finance from the University of South Florida.

**Matthew White** has been promoted to Audit Senior. White has served as an Audit Staff with Pender Newkirk & Company since joining the firm in 2008. He earned his bachelor’s degree in Accounting from the University of South Florida.

**Michael Messina** has been promoted to Audit Senior. Messina has served as an Audit Staff with Pender Newkirk & Company since joining the firm in 2008. He earned his master’s degree in Taxation from Florida State University.

**Marissa Layden** has been promoted to Audit Senior. Layden has served as an Audit Staff with Pender Newkirk & Company since joining the firm in 2006. She earned her bachelor’s degree in Accounting from Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania.

“We are very proud to announce these individuals’ success,” said Ralph Garcia, Managing Partner. “Their accomplishments in their respective areas of expertise are impressive and will undoubtedly support the continued growth and development of our firm.”

**About Pender Newkirk & Company**

Founded in 1976, Pender Newkirk & Company is a full service accounting and business consulting firm based in Tampa, Florida. With eleven partners and more than 60 professionals, the firm provides an array of services including audit and assurance, tax planning and preparation, Sarbanes-Oxley compliance, small business advisory, litigation support and management consulting services to clients across a broad range of industries. For additional information about the firm, the services we offer and our community involvement, please visit [www.pnccpa.com](http://www.pnccpa.com).

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