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Transparent, no-surprise approach to comprehensive, best-of-breed client services.

With deep experience in tax, accounting, and audit services for middle-market businesses in a wealth of industries—including construction, real estate, finance, manufacturing, health care, not for profits, and governmental entities—as well as high-wealth individuals, **BKD LLP** is the go-to firm for all things related to the bottom line.

“When one of our clients is contemplating a decision or is faced with a challenge, we want to be the first ones called,” says Abe Cole, managing partner of the Kansas City office of BKD. “Responsiveness is a core value here, and being each client’s most trusted, all-encompassing business advisor is a goal we work hard to reach and maintain. We build long-term relationships by staying in front of our client with the tools they need for success.”

National Power, Local Presence

Achieving more than \$500 million in annual revenue, BKD’s footprint of 34 offices in 15 states serves clients in all 50 states and internationally through BKD’s membership in Praxity AISBL, an award-winning alliance of global, independent accountancy, tax, and business consulting firms.

The BKD Kansas City office was established in 1923 as one of the firm’s founding offices. Its 28 local partners are hands-on involved with staff in taking the best possible care of prudently selected clients who share BKD’s values of passion, respect, integrity, discipline, and excellence.

Moving Business Forward

Via its Transaction Services practice, BKD offers a data-driven, evidence-based approach to mergers and acquisitions specifically designed for the middle market. From analyzing critical issues associated with an acquisition to helping identify improvements to focus on in advance of a transaction that might be three to five years down the road, “we go beyond the financial metrics to the underlying economics of a transaction,” says Cole.

Another area of focus at BKD is business succession planning through *BKDnext*®. “No one-plan-fits-all solution exists for exit planning,” Cole emphasizes. “It can be very emotional for someone to give up a business they have nurtured. Our tailored approach means we first listen to establish clients’ goals. We then examine all strategies and help clients become well-prepared to navigate the chosen plan.”

Giving Back

Through the BKD Foundation, the firm stays active in positively supporting communities. Since 2007, the foundation for the BKD Kansas City office has given more than \$1 million back to the Kansas City community. “We are very proud of our extensive United Way involvement,” notes Cole. “We also serve key not-for-profit organizations, including institutions for higher learning, and support their programs through fundraising and volunteering.”

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