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COUNCILOR, BUCHANAN & MITCHELL, PC (CBM) TO MERGE WITH DROLET & ASSOCIATES, PLLC



*Front Row (L-R): Patricia A. Drolet, Peter B. Reilly, Holly W. Caporale
Back Row (L-R): Matthew F. Johnson, Daniel L. Weaver, John K. Mullins, S. Vincent Crescenzi, Richard E. Morris
(Not pictured: John R. Comunale)*

September 23, 2014 (Bethesda, MD) – After nearly 40 years, CBM will be back in Washington, DC as a result of their merger with Washington, DC-based Drolet & Associates PLLC, Certified Public Accountants. Effective November 1, 2014, the combined firms will operate as Councilor, Buchanan & Mitchell, PC (CBM).

"We at CBM are delighted with our merger with Drolet & Associates," said Peter B. Reilly, CPA, CVA, President and Managing Partner of CBM. "Pat Drolet and her team share CBM's passion for providing responsive, individualized service. The continuation of their DC office will provide additional convenience for our combined clients."

Drolet & Associates PLLC was established in 1997 by Patricia A. Drolet, CPA, PFS, to provide high quality professional accounting services in a manner that reflects sound professional, business and personal ethics. The partners of Drolet & Associates possess over 60 years of combined experience providing accounting, auditing, tax and advisory services to individuals, not-for-profit organizations and closely-held businesses.

"All of us at Drolet & Associates are energized and excited about merging with CBM," said Patricia A. Drolet, CPA, PFS, Managing Partner of Drolet & Associates. "We are proud to be affiliated with such an established and well-respected firm and feel confident that our clients and staff will all benefit from our combined teams."

The combined firms will consist of 9 partners and 50 professional and support staff. Patricia Drolet will join as an Executive Committee Partner; Holly Caporale and Matthew Johnson will be partners as well.

Beginning on November 1, 2014, CBM will operate out of two locations: their main headquarters in Bethesda at 7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 500, Bethesda, MD 20814 and their new DC office at 1901 L Street, NW, Suite 250, Washington, DC 20036.

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About CBM

Councilor, Buchanan & Mitchell, PC (CBM) has been serving Washington, D.C., Maryland, Virginia, and the Mid-Atlantic Region since 1921. Our professionals have first-hand knowledge and specialization working with not-for-profit organizations, privately-held businesses and individuals, as well as automotive dealerships, and construction and real estate companies. In July 2012, CBM was voted "*Firm of the Year*" by Enterprise Worldwide (EW), an international association of accountants and advisors.

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