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SHARYL CHAMBERLAIN EARNS CERTIFICATIONS AS A FRAUD EXAMINER AND FINANCIAL FORENSICS EXPERT

NORWOOD, MA, January 13, 2010--Sharyl (Shari) L. Chamberlain, a CPA financial forensics expert with Walter & Shuffain, P.C., located in Boston and Norwood, MA, has recently been awarded the Certified in Financial Forensics (CFF) credential by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), and the globally-preferred Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) credential from the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE). Chamberlain met the requirements for both credentials by demonstrating significant business experience in the area of financial forensics as well as completing the education requirements. A Massachusetts native, she resides in Bellingham, MA with her husband and three children, and has been an employee of Walter & Shuffain for more than eighteen years.

The CFF credential was established in 2008 by the AICPA. The credential is granted exclusively to qualified CPAs with considerable professional experience in financial forensics who are members in good standing of the AICPA, which binds them to the AICPA Code of Professional Conduct. A national, professional association of CPAs, the AICPA has more than 350,000 members, including CPAs in business and industry, public practice, government, and education. It sets ethical standards for the profession and U.S. auditing standards for audits of private companies; federal, state and local governments; and nonprofit organizations. In addition, the AICPA also develops and grades the Uniform CPA examination. Headquartered in New York, the AICPA maintains offices in Washington, D.C.; Durham, N.C.; and Lewisville, TX.

In order to become a CFE, an anti-fraud professional must meet a stringent set of criteria and pass a rigorous exam administered by the ACFE. Chamberlain joins the ranks of more than 23,000 business and government professionals worldwide who hold CFE certification. CFEs have the ability to examine data and records in order to detect and trace fraudulent transactions,

interview suspects to obtain information and confessions, write investigation reports, advise clients as to their findings, and testify at trial. They also must be well-versed in the law as it relates to fraud and fraud investigations, and have an understanding of the underlying factors that motivate individuals to commit fraud. More than 1 million suspected cases of civil and criminal fraud have been investigated by CFEs on six continents.

Walter & Shuffain, a leading professional services firm, provides accounting, tax and business consulting expertise to its clients. The firm, with offices in Boston and Norwood, MA, has 50 employees and focuses on various business sectors, including real estate, technology, professional services, health care, manufacturing and construction. Walter & Shuffain's team approach to achieving clients' business goals makes it an integral component of each client's management team, valued for providing practical solutions to the challenges facing the closely-held business and its owners. The firm's mission is to anticipate the opportunities of tomorrow for its clients today.

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