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## WINDES & MCCLAUGHRY TAX AND ACCOUNTING PARTNER RECOGNIZED AS EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

*Brian Yacker Has Been Recognized As The 2009/2010 Outstanding Conference  
Speaker For The CalCPA Education Foundation*

**LONG BEACH, CA – June 28, 2010** – Windes & McClaughry Accountancy Corporation, a leading Southern California accounting and consulting firm with 84 years in business, today announced that Brian Yacker has been honored by the California Society of Certified Public Accountants (CalCPA) Education Foundation as its 2009/2010 Outstanding Conference Speaker.

“Brian is very deserving of this award as he has a passion for teaching and possesses an excellent skill set to keep the audience interested and engaged,” says John Di Carlo, managing partner of Windes & McClaughry. “We are very proud of Brian and pleased to know that he is making a difference in our industry by effectively sharing his expertise.”

The Outstanding Speaker Conference award is determined through CalCPA Education Foundation's rigorous analysis of input received from participants at several conferences conducted throughout the year. This is performed by the Education Foundation's Continuing Professional Education (CPE) team along with final vetting and approval by the Board of Trustees Awards Committee. The ability to provide insight and expertise, handle questions appropriately, and keep the audience interested in the subject

matter are just a few of the criteria that are reviewed. “Brian is an expert on the IRS Form 990 and is a dynamic speaker who consistently receives high scores for his knowledge of the subject and his presentation skills,” says Barbara Raney, director of conferences for the CalCPA Education Foundation. “Brian is a consummate professional and a pleasure to work with.”

“This award comes as a surprise and I am very honored to be selected as this year’s recipient,” says Yacker. “I love to teach and to share the expertise that I have gained over the years to the exempt organizations sector where I have focused the majority of my career.”

Yacker’s practice focuses primarily in addressing the tax, legal, and accounting needs of all different types of exempt organizations. He has extensive experience in tax consulting and compliance for exempt organizations, including addressing governance, reasonable compensation, expense allocation, lobbying, special event fundraising public disclosure and public support test issues. In addition, Yacker is a frequent lecturer and presenter on exempt organization topics, including board governance, the Form 990, reasonable compensation documentation, private foundations, intermediate sanctions, and special event fundraising activities.

Yacker is a graduate of the University of Virginia’s McIntire School of Commerce and holds a Juris Doctorate from the Indiana University School of Law. He is a member of the California Society of Certified Public Accountants, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Exempt Organizations Committee of the California State Bar’s Tax Section, and the Tax-Exempt Organizations Committee of the American Bar Association’s Tax Section. Yacker is a board member and treasurer for Empower Tech, a board member and treasurer and head of the Finance Committee for BookEnds, a board member for the American Association of Attorney-Certified Public Accountants (AAA-CPA), and is the chair of the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) Subgroup of the Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council.

### **About Windes & McClaughry**

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