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MARKS PANETH & SHRON, LEADING ACCOUNTING FIRM, NAMES EIGHT ADDITIONAL PARTNERS

Expansion of Partners Group Underscores MP&S Commitment to Providing Clients with Expertise in Full Range of Industries and Disciplines

(November 8, 2007) - Accounting firm **Marks Paneth & Shron LLP (MP&S)** today announced the addition of eight partners. The partnerships become effective January 1, 2008.

The new partners have significant expertise and experience in such areas as tax, high net worth individuals, litigation services, government services, audit, forensic accounting and nonprofit. MP&S is one of the tri-state area's 15 largest accounting firms. It serves closely held and larger companies, providing a full range of accounting, tax and financial advisory and forensic accounting services. Its specialty practices include tax advisory and consulting for high net worth individuals and their families, international taxation, real estate, media and entertainment, nonprofit, professional services and energy industries.

The new partners are:

- **Sharon Sabba Fierstein, CPA (48)**. She is the coordinating director of MP&S's Litigation Services Group, handling a range of litigation and due diligence engagements. Ms. Fierstein has significant experience in the mortgage banking, specialty finance, retail and investment industries. Prior to joining MP&S in 2004, she worked as an auditor at Deloitte & Touche, LLP and was the CFO of a privately held mortgage banking company and an equipment leasing company. For two years, Ms. Fierstein provided full-time staff support to the International Auditing Practices Committee of IFAC. She is currently president-elect of the New York State Society of CPA's. A resident of Woodbury, NY, she holds a BA from Wesleyan University and an MBA from New York University.
- **Joseph J. Kanjamala, CPA (45)**. He is a senior audit manager within MP&S's Nonprofit Industry Services Group. His expertise includes designing audit strategies and serving charitable organizations, private foundations and education institutions. Prior to joining the firm in 2004, he was a manager of the assurance and advisory practice at Ernst & Young. He holds a BS from the City University of New York and a bachelors of commerce from Kerala University in India. Mr. Kanjamala is noted for having one of the top-10 CPA candidate scores at the state level the year he took the exam. He is a resident of Greenburgh, NY.
- **Marc R. Koppelman, CPA (34)**. He is a senior audit manager with extensive experience serving physician practices, nursing homes, manufacturers, retailers, wholesalers, importers, telecommunications businesses, law firms and real estate organizations. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Koppelman worked in the audit and accounting department at Charles Hecht & Co., which merged into Marks Paneth & Shron in 2000. He began his accounting career at Arthur Andersen & Company LLP. He holds a BS in accounting from the University of Delaware. Mr. Koppelman resides in New York City.
- **Eric A. Marks (51)**. He is the director of Human Resources at MP&S. He has significant experience as a human resources consultant and executive coach. His expertise involves positioning organizations for growth, merging and creating company cultures, and assisting companies with succession plans and career paths for middle and top managers. He ran several entrepreneurial

companies before joining MP&S in 2002. Mr. Marks holds an MBA and an MPA from Pace University. He is a resident of White Plains, NY.

- **Jacob Meth, CPA and JD** (41). He is a senior tax manager in the general tax group at MP&S and is known for his expertise in high net worth individuals and business taxation consulting. Prior to joining MP&S in 1999, he was with Ernst & Young LLP, Price Waterhouse LLP and Leshkowitz & Co. LLP. Mr. Meth holds a BBA and a JD from Temple University. He is a resident of Passaic, NJ.

- **Joseph B. Nelson, CPA CFE FCPA CVA** (50). He is a director of Litigation and Forensic Accounting Services at MP&S. Mr. Nelson provides comprehensive litigation consulting services to law firms and their clients, including fraud examinations, forensic accounting investigations and assistance with commercial litigation. He works with local, national and international law firms and serves large, midsize and small corporations and individuals in the real estate, healthcare, restaurant, banking, manufacturing and energy sectors. Mr. Nelson has also provided consulting services to the United States Department of Justice and the FBI in Washington D.C., Pennsylvania and Texas. He is known for his expertise in fraud and forensic accounting investigations, internal control and anti-fraud troubleshooting, matters involving comprehensive commercial litigation and intellectual property disputes. He holds a BS from the University of Dayton and completed his post baccalaureate study at the University of Houston. Mr. Nelson joined MP&S in 2006. He resides in Stamford, CT, and Houston, TX.

- **Warren Ruppel, CPA** (50). He is the director of Government Services at MP&S and has 25 years of experience in accounting and auditing services for governments and nonprofit organizations. Mr. Ruppel serves as the firm's top liaison on business involving federal, state and local governments. Before joining MP&S in 2005, he was the assistant comptroller for accounting for The City of New York, where he was responsible for the city's accounting and financial reporting. He was also secretary of the city's Audit Committee. The author of a number of books on government and nonprofit accounting and auditing matters, he holds a BS from St. John's University. Mr. Ruppel is a resident of Woodcliff Lake, NJ.

- **John Unterreiner II, CPA** (38). He is a senior audit manager at MP&S and a leader of work for clients in the jewelry, garment, meat processing, manufacturing and real estate industries. His specialties include audits, reviews, compilations and taxation. Mr. Unterreiner graduated from Hofstra University with a BBA in accounting and joined MP&S in 1993. He is a resident of Harrison, NY.

Said Steven Baum, managing partner at MP&S, "We're delighted to elevate these professionals to partnership positions. Their knowledge, input and direction contribute significantly to our ability to help our clients meet their business objectives and successfully navigate both day-to-day and big-picture challenges."

About Marks Paneth & Shron

Marks Paneth & Shron LLP (MP&S) is an accounting firm whose 400-plus professionals serve closely held and larger companies, as well as high net worth individuals and families. MP&S provides a full range of accounting, tax and financial advisory and forensic accounting services. Specialty practices include real estate, media and entertainment, nonprofit, professional services, international taxation, and tax advisory and consulting for high net worth individuals and their families. The firm also provides information technology consulting services through its Tailor Technologies subsidiary. MP&S, whose origins date back to 1907, is one of the 30 largest accounting firms in the U.S., and one of the 15 largest in the New York City metropolitan area. Its headquarters are in Manhattan. Additional offices are in Woodbury, NY, and Tarrytown, NY. For more information, please visit www.markspaneth.com <<http://www.markspaneth.com>>