

# WARREN AVERETT, LLC

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## **BIRMINGHAM-BASED REGIONAL FIRM, WARREN AVERETT, ANNOUNCES LOCAL LEADERSHIP**

BIRMINGHAM, AL – April 26, 2012 – The regional certified public accounting firm of Warren Averett, LLC is pleased to announce the appointment of Thomas E. Sisson, CPA as Managing Partner of its Birmingham office. Sisson will lead the 250 person Birmingham office of Warren Averett focusing on client service and strategic planning. The designation of a Birmingham Managing Partner is a result of Warren, Averett, Kimbrough & Marino's combination earlier this year with the Montgomery-based firm, Wilson Price, and Gulf Coast firm, O'Sullivan Creel.

"Tommy Sisson is a leader in creating higher value for our clients. As Managing Partner, Tommy will lead and manage the dynamics of our Birmingham office and in doing so, continue our focus on delivering excellence to those we serve," said Jim Cunningham, CEO of the Firm.

Sisson has been with Warren Averett for thirty years, joining the Firm while pursuing a degree at Birmingham-Southern College. He has served the Firm in various leadership capacities over the years including multiple appointments to the Firm's Executive Committee and Chair of the Firm's Emerging Executive Group. Sisson has been an active member of the Firm's Healthcare Consulting Group, serving physicians, their practices and families. He also consults with closely-held corporations and pass-through entities on a variety of tax planning matters.

Sisson graduated in 1984 from Birmingham-Southern College with Bachelor of Arts Degrees in Accounting and Economics. He has served in various civic and charitable leadership roles throughout his career, including The Edward Lee Norton Board of Advisors, Accounting Advisory Committee and Alumni Leadership Board of Birmingham-Southern College, Chairman of the Church Council, Executive Committee, Finance Committee and Staff Parish Relations Committee for his church, Board Member of Mountain Brook Athletics, Inc., Board Member and Vice President of Mountain Brook Sports Corporation and former Board Member and Chairman of the Finance Committee of the King's Home.

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