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Dirk Coleman, CPA, Named an ACCREDITED ESTATE PLANNER® Designee
by the National Association of Estate Planners & Councils on February 2, 2015.

Cleveland, Ohio – Dirk Coleman, CPA, is newly certified as an Accredited Estate Planner® (AEP®) designee by the National Association of Estate Planners & Councils (NAEPC). His office is located at 2403 Judson Rd, Longview, TX 75605.

Dirk is a shareholder and officer at Curtis Blakely & Co., P.C., a public accounting and consulting firm in Longview, TX. He initially joined the firm in 1980 shortly after completing his Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Oral Roberts University. After a brief absence to complete a Master of Science degree in Accounting from Texas A&M University, he rejoined the firm in 1984. Dirk is responsible for managing the firm's diverse tax practice that includes consulting, planning, and compliance services for individuals and all types of business organizations. Personally, he devotes a significant portion of his time to estate planning and administration for individuals as well as income tax planning for their related businesses.

Dirk, a Longview native, is a member of the East Texas Estate Planning Council and serves on the planning committee for the Texas Society of CPAs Advanced Estate Planning Conference held annually in San Antonio. Locally, Dirk is Vice-President of the Hiway 80 Rescue Mission board of directors, serves on the President's Advisory Council at Letourneau University, is a board member of Christian Heritage School of Longview, and attends Fellowship Bible Church where he is currently an elder and trustee.

The Accredited Estate Planner® (AEP®) designation is a graduate level specialization in estate planning, obtained in addition to already recognized professional credentials within the various disciplines of estate planning. The AEP® designation is available to attorneys (JD), Chartered Life Underwriters® (CLU®), Certified Public Accountants (CPA), Certified Financial Planners™ (CFP®), Chartered Financial Consultants® (ChFC®), and Certified Trust and Financial Advisors (CTFA). It is awarded by the National Association of Estate Planners & Councils to recognize estate planning professionals who meet stringent requirements of experience, knowledge, education, professional reputation, and character. An AEP® designee must embrace the team concept of estate planning and adhere to the NAEPC Code of Ethics, as well as participate in a yearly renewal and recertification process.

The NAEPC is a national organization of professional estate planners and affiliated local estate planning councils focused on establishing and monitoring the highest professional and educational standards. NAEPC fosters public awareness of the quality services rendered by professionals who meet these standards. NAEPC builds a team approach involving cross-professional disciplines to better serve the public's need for estate planning.

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