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**TATUM EXPANDS LEADERSHIP IN MID-ATLANTIC PRACTICE**

*Leading Executive Services firm Appoints Dwayne Cook as Practice Leader of the Washington, DC Office*

**Washington, DC, January 27, 2009**--Tatum LLC, the largest executive services firm in the United States, today announced that Dwayne Cook has joined Tatum's Mid-Atlantic practice to support the firm's rapid growth in the region. Cook is assuming the role of Practice Leader in Tatum's Mid-Atlantic practice, tasked to drive aggressive business development activity, develop a technically strong accounting and financial services team and assist in driving key thought leadership in the practice.

"Dwayne is a seasoned financial leader whose experiences are critical to our client relationships. He will help Tatum continue our substantial momentum in the marketplace and support our phenomenal growth," said Peter A. S. Pfeiffer, Managing Partner of Tatum's Mid-Atlantic practice.

Dwayne is assuming the role of Practice Leader in Tatum's DC office. Cook will focus on restructuring, business development, not-for-profit, government contracting and biotechnology. His professional experience includes working for consulting and professional services firms, public corporations and the private equity arena.

Prior to joining Tatum, Cook was an independent consultant, where he consulted and lectured internationally on the application and impact of US GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards on reported financial results. His areas of expertise include SEC, revenue recognition, business combinations, financial instruments, valuation, structured finance, debt and equity. Before that, he was Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Charter One Mortgage, where he developed, integrated and managed finance and accounting functions post acquisition. Cook drove strategic initiatives identified by the parent company analyzing complex accounting standards, communicating the impact of those standards to executive management, business line managers and the Board of Directors. Cook began his career as an accountant with KPMG.

Cook holds a bachelor's of Business Administration in Accounting from Abilene Christian University.

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