

Dean Dorton Expands Again in Raleigh with Koonce Wooten & Haywood Merger



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Dean Dorton is expanding its presence in Raleigh and the Triangle area by merging with Koonce Wooten & Haywood, LLP (KWH) a long-standing CPA and Advisory firm. The merger is effective July 1, 2022 and the combined firm will operate as Dean Dorton.

Dean Dorton is one of the largest accounting firms in the Southeast and has over 325 employees across three offices – Raleigh, NC, Lexington, KY, and Louisville, KY. Additionally, Dean Dorton has been named to Accounting Today's Top Firms: Southeast and Beyond the Top 100 Firms to Watch list for 10 consecutive years.

KWH will join with Dean Dorton's previous Raleigh mergers of Massey Consulting and Penny Longobardo and Company. The merger will be effective July 1, 2022, and the combined firm will operate as Dean Dorton.

"The merger with Koonce, Wooten, & Haywood helps us better serve our growing practice in Raleigh and expand professional advisory services to many companies. We are excited about continuing the high level of service and expertise KWH has provided its notable client base while bringing additional services to the market such as outsourced accounting, data analytics, cybersecurity, healthcare consulting services, and much more"

David Bundy, CPA, President & CEO, Dean Dorton

"Koonce, Wooten & Haywood has enjoyed serving clients throughout North Carolina for more than 70 years. As we looked toward the future, we realized we wanted to provide our clients with a variety of services outside of traditional accounting and expertise that is truly invaluable. Dean Dorton is the perfect match for us to team up with to continue providing high-quality service efficiently and effectively while providing clients with additional value through a broader range of specialty capabilities, advice, and solutions. In addition, we want to offer more opportunities for our employees and referral partners who are the backbone of our business."

Graham Clements, Managing Partner, Koonce, Wooten & Haywood

"We are thrilled to be expanding in the Triangle again so quickly," stated Bundy. "Aside from bringing new services to the market, we are eager to expand our team of professionals and look forward to hiring several positions across various roles from accounting, audit, and tax to healthcare consulting, technology, and even marketing. As always, we

are eager to hit the ground running assisting clients in new meaningful ways. We look forward to helping businesses reach their greatest potential."