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CRI merges in Wm. F. Horne & Company

Carr, Riggs & Ingram has increased its presence in Mississippi by adding Wm. F. Horne & Company.



Photo: Carr, Riggs & Ingram

The firm, based in Enterprise, Alabama, is adding an office in Laurel with the deal along with the one it already has in Jackson, Mississippi. Financial terms were not disclosed. CRI ranked 20th on Accounting Today's 2019 list of the Top 100 Firms, with \$305.97 million in annual revenue. CRI now operates in 29 markets across 10 states, with the addition of the Wm. F. Horne office to its locations. CRI has more than 300 partners and over 1,900 staff members. Wm. F. Horne & Co. is adding 19 people to the CRI team, five of whom are partners.

"Increasing our footprint in Mississippi is an important part of our growth strategy," said CRI chairman and managing partner William H. Carr in a statement. "The Wm. F. Horne & Company office in Laurel coupled with our current Jackson office leverages the alliance of our combined teams and resources to enhance our client service delivery and technical expertise, while further establishing our strength in the state."

Last year, CRI expanded its presence in Florida by adding Shinn & Company, a firm with offices in Bradenton and Sarasota. CRI did a number of mergers in 2017, including two in Atlanta, with AGH LLC and Babush, Neiman, Kornman & Johnson LLP. It also added Rayburn Fitzgerald in the Nashville area, Proctor, Crook, Crowder & Fogal in South Florida, and RPC CPAs + Consultants, LLP in New Mexico and Texas.

Koltin Consulting Group CEO Allan D. Koltin advised both firms on the merger. "CRI continues their magical journey of becoming one of the southeast region's powerhouse firms, as well as one of the fastest growing first-generation firms in the country," he stated. "Their innovation, culture, and great leadership continue to be a major draw for firms looking for additional depth and resources. Wm. F. Horne is one of the most respected and successful CPA firms in the state of Mississippi and is known for its great talent and client service. This combination should produce great results and growth throughout the state."

Carr Riggs & Ingram Merges in Laurel, Miss. Firm

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Enterprise, Ala.-based **Carr Riggs & Ingram** (FY18 net revenue of \$306 million) has expanded its presence in Mississippi with a merger of Laurel, Miss.-based **Wm. F. Horne & Company**, which also operates an office in Hattiesburg.

“Increasing our footprint in Mississippi is an important part of our growth strategy,” says **William H. Carr**, chairman and MP of CRI. “The Wm. F. Horne & Company office in Laurel coupled with our current Jackson office leverages the alliance of our combined teams and resources to enhance our client service delivery and technical expertise, while further establishing our strength in the state.”

Allan D. Koltin, CEO of **Koltin Consulting Group**, who advised both firms on the merger says, “CRI continues their magical journey of becoming one of the Southeast region’s powerhouse firms, as well as one of the fastest-growing, first-generation firms in the country. Their innovation, culture and great leadership continue to be a major draw for firms looking for additional depth and resources.”

Koltin also says that Wm. F. Horne is one of the most respected and successful CPA firms in the state.

CRI now operates in 10 states, offering accounting, auditing, tax, advisory and client accounting services. CRI also operates seven portfolio companies: Auditwerx (SOC reporting and IT audits), CRI Advanced Analytics (data analytics), CRI Capital Advisors (investment banking), CRI Solutions Group (management consulting), CRI TPA Services (retirement plan administration), Paywerx (payroll management) and Level Four Advisory Services (wealth management).



Top 20 Nationally Ranked Carr, Riggs & Ingram (CRI) Expands Operations in Mississippi



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July 24, 2019(Newswire.com) –

Top 20 nationally ranked CPA and advisory firm Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC (CRI) has increased its investment in the state of Mississippi, expanding its locations to serve clients there through the merger of WM. F. Horne & Company, PLLC.

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Allan D. Koltin, CEO of Koltin Consulting Group, who advised both firms on the merger commented, 'CRI continues their magical journey of becoming one of the southeast region's powerhouse firms, as well as one of the fastest growing first-generation firms in the country. Their innovation, culture, and great leadership continue to be a major draw for firms looking for additional depth and resources.' Allan went on to say, 'WM. F. Horne is one of the most respected and successful CPA firms in the state of Mississippi and is known for its great talent and client service. This combination should produce great results and growth throughout the state.'

CRI is one of the fastest growing and forward-thinking CPA and advisory firms in the nation, now operating in 29 markets across 10 states, with the addition of WM. F. Horne & Company office to their locations. In addition to providing full-service accounting services such as accounting and auditing, tax, advisory, and client accounting services, the firm operates seven portfolio companies—Auditwerx (SOC reporting and IT audits), CRI Advanced Analytics (data analytics), CRI Capital Advisors (investment banking), CRI Solutions Group (management consulting), CRI TPA Services (retirement plan administration), Paywerx (payroll management), and Level Four Advisory Services (wealth management).

CRI has financial tools and accounting resources available on its website at CRIcpa.com.

About Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC

CRI is a CPA and advisory firm located in more than 25 markets throughout Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas. CRI's industry specializations include construction, government, banking/financial institutions, healthcare, insurance, not-for-profit, manufacturing, and distribution. CRI offers traditional and specialized services including audit and assurance, business consulting and support, forensic accounting, IT auditing, retirement plan auditing, SEC compliance, business valuation, tax planning, and trusts and estates work. Additionally, CRI's portfolio companies deliver service organization (SOC) reports, investment banking, management consulting, wealth management, data analytics, and payroll services. CRI is a top 20 nationally ranked accounting firm. For additional information, please visit CRIcpa.com.

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