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Florida Institute of CPAs Presents Women to Watch Awards

ORLANDO, Fla. – Allison Harrell, CPA, and Sheri Schultz, CPA/ABV/CFF, recently received the Florida Institute of CPAs (FICPA) Women to Watch Awards. The awards, which are given in conjunction with the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA), recognize outstanding women who are shaping the FICPA and the certified public accounting profession. Harrell received the Emerging Leader Award, and Schultz received the Experienced Leader Award.

“We are thrilled to present Allison and Sheri with these awards,” said FICPA President/CEO Deborah Curry, CPA, CGMA. “We so appreciate their valuable service to our organization, and to our profession.”

Harrell is director, assurance services at Thomas Howell Ferguson, PA in Tallahassee. She served as a member for several years, and as chair of, the FICPA’s Young CPA Committee. Under her leadership, the FICPA furthered its recognition of the importance of developing young leaders in the CPA profession.

Nationally, Harrell represented Florida and the FICPA as a member of the AICPA’s inaugural Leadership Academy. She served as chair of the AICPA’s inaugural Edge Conference this year and recently was appointed as the youngest member of the Executive Committee of the AICPA’s Government Audit Quality Center.

Harrell served on the board and chaired 2-1-1 Big Bend, a Tallahassee organization providing community support, crisis counseling and suicide prevention services. As a member of Leadership Tallahassee, she helps connect CPAs to organizations where professional leadership is most needed.

Schultz is an equity owner and member of the Executive Committee of Fiske and Company in Plantation. She is the firm’s director of litigation support and valuation services.

As chair of the FICPA Business and Valuation/Litigation Committee, Schultz helped develop the Valuation and Litigation Section. A 26-year FICPA member, she has served on the

Institute's Board of Governors and currently serves on the Valuation and Litigation Conference Planning Committee. Schultz is chair of the ABV Champion Program, an AICPA initiative offering CPA/ABVs the support, structure and resources to collaborate with state societies to promote and expand the ABV credential.

Schultz is a member of the Broward Professional Alliance, serving as treasurer for the past seven years, and is active in the Jewish Federation of Broward County. She sits on the Federation's Foundation Board of Trustees and Executive Committee.

About the FICPA

Founded in 1905, the Florida Institute of CPAs is a Tallahassee-based, statewide, professional association representing member-CPAs throughout Florida. With a membership of more than 18,000 CPAs, the Institute's mission is to serve the diverse needs of its members; enhance their competency and professionalism; support professional standards; promote the value of our members; and advocate on behalf of the profession. For complete information about the FICPA, visit www.ficpa.org.

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