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**Niki Matthews is Smith Marion & Co.’s newest CTEC Certified Tax Preparer**  
**January 10<sup>th</sup> 2014, —Niki Matthews, Manager at Smith Marion and Company, received the California Tax Education Council Certification.** This certification gives Matthews the licensing to prepare and sign Tax Returns in California.

In 1996, the California Legislature passed the Tax Prepares Act; this requires that all Tax Preparers be registered with the California Tax Education Council. In order to receive her certification, Matthews took the CRTP Exam which she passed with a score of 97%.

Peter Wesch, Partner of Smith Marion and Company states, “I would like to congratulate Niki on completing the prerequisites and registration as a California Registered Tax Preparer. Niki has augmented her substantial knowledge of individual tax preparation with 60 hours of qualifying tax education to qualify for registration. I greatly appreciate her dedication and welcome her increased contribution to the upcoming tax filing season.”

Matthews began working with Streit & Peters in 1997 and remained with the company when they merged with Smith Marion & Co. in 2012. Matthews specializes in bookkeeping services, payroll processing, tax return preparation and QuickBooks support. She provides these services to businesses and non-profits of varying sizes.

### **ABOUT SMITH MARION & CO., LLP**

Smith Marion & Co., LLP was founded in 1983 by William P. Smith and David B. Marion. Over the last several years, the company has experienced tremendous growth. In November 2012, the

firm merged with Streit and Peters, CPAs, a California firm. Marion credits their staff of high-quality, committed professionals, who have invested in their training, development and growth, to the success of the company. The firm also takes pride in the growth of their client base, which has grown mainly from positive client referrals. The firm is licensed to operate in California, Tennessee, and Kentucky, with practice privileges in Idaho and Utah. The company services clients nationwide.

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