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**Jasmine DeField Berjikly of Frank, Rimerman + Co. LLP Chosen for Elite Group**

*DeField Berjikly one of only 30 under age 36 selected for annual Leadership Academy developed by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants*

Palo Alto, CA, January 10, 2011 — Jasmine DeField Berjikly, Senior Manager, Frank, Rimerman + Co. LLP has been recognized among the accounting profession's rising stars, selected as just one of 30 CPAs under age 36 for the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' annual Leadership Academy in Durham, N.C.

DeField joined colleagues from across the country for three days in October 2010 to learn cutting edge leadership theory, develop tools for handling complex management challenges, network with other up-and-comers and discuss a host of strategic issues facing CPAs and the accounting industry. They were joined by some of the profession's most experienced leaders, including AICPA Chairman Bob Harris and Barry Melancon, the Institute's President and CEO.

"As the national voice of the profession, the AICPA believes it is vitally important to cultivate talented and committed young CPAs to lead the profession and help it meet its obligation to serve the public interest," said AICPA Chairman Robert Harris, CPA/CFF. "We are fortunate to help these ambitious, talented professionals develop the skills they'll need to guide the profession in the coming decades."

The AICPA selected the 30 attendees of the Leadership Academy from more than 120 candidates recommended by their employers, state CPA societies or both. All candidates had to submit resumes that included work history, licensure information, professional volunteer activities, community service, and awards and honors. In addition, the candidates each had to supply a statement explaining why participating in the Leadership Academy would be important personally. The AICPA reviewed and evaluated each submission.

DeField Berjikly has eight years of public accounting experience. She works with a wide range of high net worth clients as well as fiduciaries and non-profit entities, and has extensive experience with tax compliance and tax planning. She received her Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Finance (Double Major) with magna cum laude from the University of San Francisco in 2002. She serves on the Board of Directors for the California Society of CPAs' Peninsula/Silicon Valley Chapter.

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