

Oklahoma City, OK (August 3, 2018) – Frates Benefit Administrators, a company that specializes in providing Third Party Administration services for various single and multiple employer clients, today announced that they have successfully completed a System and Organization Controls (SOC) 1[®] Type II Audit examination for their Third Party Administrative Services System. Frates Benefit Administrators retained [international CPA and business advisory firm, Skoda Minotti](#), for its SOC 1[®] audit work. Skoda Minotti was selected after an intensive search based on their reputation as a [leading risk advisory and compliance firm](#).

Ben Osbrach, CISSP, CISA, QSA, CICP, CCSFP partner-in-charge of Skoda Minotti's risk advisory group says, "We were excited to work with Frates Benefit Administrators from the very start. They are an intriguing organization delivering high quality services and their business adds to our growing SOC reporting practice."

SOC 1[®] engagements are performed in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' SSAE 18, *Statement on Standards for Attestation Engagements (SSAE) No. 18, Reporting on Controls at a Service Organization*. The SOC 1[®] Type II examination is performed by an independent auditing firm and is intended to meet the needs of the management of user entities and the user entities' auditors, as they evaluate the effect of the controls at the service organization on the user entities' financial statement assertions. These reports are important components of user entities' evaluation of their internal controls over financial reporting for purposes of complying with laws and regulations such as the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and the user entities' auditors as they plan and perform audits of the user entities' financial statements.

Skoda Minotti's testing of Frates Benefit Administrators' control environment included examination of their policies and procedures regarding eligibility, plan administration billing rates accuracy, claim payments, claims adjudication, organization and administration, physical access, logical access, destruction and disposal, system monitoring, backup, claims processing, Third Party Administration, and risk management. Upon completion of the examination, Frates Benefit Administrators received a Service Auditor's Report with an unqualified opinion demonstrating that their policies, procedures, and infrastructure controls were suitably designed and operating effectively to achieve the related control objectives throughout the examination period.

"The successful completion of our SOC 1[®] Type II examination audit provides Frates Benefit Administrators' clients with the assurance that the controls and safeguards we employ to protect and secure their data are in line industry standards and best practices," said Rick Franklin, Chief Executive Officer.

About – Frates Benefit Administrators

C.L. Frates and Company was a privately owned insurance agency founded in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in 1924. The agency provided the full spectrum of insurance, risk management, and third party benefit administration. In 1988, C.L. Frates and Company expanded to provide Third Party Administration services. In 2010, C.L. Frates and Company's Third Party Administration operations began doing business as Frates Benefit Administrators and appointed Rick Franklin as its CEO. On May 1, 2014, RMJP Equity, Inc., a corporation led by Franklin, purchased the assets of Frates Benefit Administrators.

Frates Benefit Administrators manages all types of self-funded employee benefit plans; Section 125 plans; and other reimbursement plans such as HSAs, HRAs, and MERPs. FBA provides services for various single and multiple employer clients including school districts, municipalities, private and city owned hospitals and a variety of other industries.

About – Skoda Minotti

Skoda Minotti is a Certified Public Accounting Firm based in Cleveland, OH offering a variety of tax, finance, and business advisory services in virtually every area of business. The Risk Advisory practice specializes in SOC Reporting, PCI DSS Compliance, HIPAA Compliance and HITRUST validation, FISMA, NIST, and other regulatory information security assessments. Staff in Skoda Minotti's Risk Advisory hold several industry certifications including Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISSA), Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Qualified Security Assessor (QSA), GIAC Penetration Tester (GPEN), and GIAC Web Application Penetration Tester (GWAPT). For more information about Skoda Minotti's Risk Advisory Services, please visit risk.skodaminotti.com.