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SMITH BARNEY'S [FA NAME] RECOGNIZED AS A TOP FINANCIAL ADVISOR
– Named in Financial Magazine *Barron's*–

[City, State] – Smith Barney is pleased to announce that local Financial Advisor, [first and last name] was recognized in *Barron's* as one of the Top 1,000 Advisors. The article appeared in the February 9, 2009 issue and is based on the methodology and criteria of independent research organization Barron's Winner's Circle.

"These rankings aim to raise standards in the financial services industry by shining a light on the best in the business," said Matt Barthel, Associate Editor at Barron's. "The idea is to give advisors a benchmark of excellence for their profession."

Barron's screens more than 3,000 financial professionals on an annual basis and selected 1,000 full service financial advisors from across the US using a combination of quantitative and qualitative criteria.* Those identified on the list were selected based on their continued focus on adhering to the best practices that govern our business, success and quality service that they provide to their clients.

[Mr./Ms./Mrs. Last Name] has been a member of [Smith Barney] for approximately [xx] years with [xx] years served within the industry. As a Financial Advisor with the firm, [Mr./Ms. Last Name], provides a full suite of investment services and comprehensive financial planning strategies to individual investors, institutions focusing on wealth management, managed money, estate planning, retirement and education planning. (*this paragraph can be altered to suit the individual FA*)

A graduate of [college and graduate schools] with a [bachelor's/master's] in [major], [Mr./Ms. Last name] holds the [list other designations], and is a member of the firm's [Councils, etc.] [He/She] is also an active member of local [community and civic organizations].

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