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**NICHOLAS THOMAS BECOMES MEMBER OF THE INSTITUTE OF INVESTMENT
MANAGEMENT CONSULTING AT RAYMOND JAMES**

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. – Nicholas Thomas was among 75, of more than 4800, financial advisors at Raymond James selected to become members of the newly established Institute of Investment Management Consulting. The Institute of Investment Management Consulting (IIMC) was developed to help financial advisors drive success in their fee-based consulting practices through educational programs, ongoing communications forums and networking with other financial advisors and Raymond James specialists that support their practices. IIMC members are selected based on their demonstrated commitment to pursuing a consulting approach and to growing the fee-based portion of their practice.

Nicholas attended a 3-day certification program covering essential investment management consulting topics such as asset allocation, manager selection and portfolio construction. The curriculum culminated in an examination that required advisors to apply the major concepts covered during the program. By successfully completing the program and examination, Nicholas earned the Raymond James designation of Investment Management Consultant.

Nicholas specializes in comprehensive financial planning for high-net worth, business owners and both pre and post retirees.

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About Asset Management Services

Asset Management Services (a division of Raymond James & Associates) offers comprehensive asset-management services and products for financial advisors of Raymond James. Managed products include the industry-leading platforms of Raymond James Consulting Services, the Eagle High Net Worth program as well as the Freedom program. Wrap-fee programs include the Passport and Ambassador programs.

About Raymond James Financial Services

Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. is a national investment firm providing financial services to individuals, corporations and municipalities through more than 3,500 financial advisors in 2,100 offices throughout the United States. For more than 30 years, Raymond James Financial Services has provided a wide range of services through our affiliate, Raymond James & Associates, Inc., member New York Stock Exchange/SIPC. Both broker/dealers are wholly owned subsidiaries of Raymond James Financial, Inc. (NYSE-RJF), a financial services holding company which has more than 4,800 financial advisors serving 1.2 million accounts throughout the United States, Canada and overseas. In addition, total client assets are approximately \$156 billion, of which approximately \$28 billion are managed by the firm's asset management subsidiaries.

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