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MARK THOMPSON NAMED TO FORBES' LIST OF BEST-IN-STATE WEALTH ADVISORS

Melbourne, FL. – Mark Thompson, CFP®, a financial planner and managing director with Raymond James & Associates, Inc., member New York Stock Exchange/SIPC, was among the Raymond James-affiliated advisors named to the *Forbes* list of Best-In-State Wealth Advisors. The list, which recognizes advisors from national, regional and independent firms, was released online February 20, 2019.

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Thompson, whose office is located at 202 N. Harbor City Blvd., Suite 200 in Melbourne, FL, currently manages more than $500 million in client assets and specializes in providing comprehensive wealth management services, including estate, retirement, financial and legacy planning. In addition, Mr. Thompson specializes in helping clients prepare their estate for the sale of their business.

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About Forbes ranking of Best-In-State Wealth Advisors
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