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ARTY FINKELBERG RANKED AMONG TOP ADVISORS BY BARRON'S AND FORBES

(RIDGELAND, MS) – Arty Finkelberg, CFA, CFP®, Senior Vice President – Investments, of Raymond James & Associates, member New York Stock Exchange/SIPC, has been recognized by two national financial publications.

Finkelberg was named to the *Barron's* list of America's Top 1,200 Financial Advisors. The prestigious 2018 list draws from all 50 states, plus the District of Columbia. It is the largest, most comprehensive annual advisor list circulated by *Barron's*.

Barron's listed only six financial advisors from Mississippi. This is the fifth consecutive year that Finkelberg has been selected for the *Barron's* "Top 1200 Financial Advisors by State" list.

Finkelberg also was named to the *Forbes* Best In-State Wealth Advisors which spotlights top performing advisors from across the country. The list recognizes advisors in each state from national, regional and independent firms.

"We're proud to see Arty included in such a prestigious group," said Tash Elwyn, president of Raymond James & Associates. "To be recognized as one of the nation's top wealth advisors is an outstanding achievement and a testament to Arty's professionalism and commitment to clients."

Barron's, a weekly financial newspaper published by Dow Jones & Co., produced the listing of distinguished advisors after weighing criteria such as assets under management, revenue produced for the firm, regulatory record, quality of practice and philanthropic work, and the overall quality of the advisor's practice.

The *Forbes* ranking of Best-In-State Wealth Advisors, developed by SHOOK Research, is based on an <u>algorithm of qualitative criteria</u>, mostly gained through telephone and inperson due diligence interviews, and quantitative data. Advisors must have a minimum of seven years' experience, and the algorithm weighs factors like revenue trends, assets under management, compliance records, industry experience and best practices in working with clients.

Finkelberg heads up Finkelberg Investment of Raymond James, a five-member team.

"Clients trust us with their financial investing and retirement planning and these are responsibilities we take very seriously," Finkelberg said. "We want them to be long-term investors and reach their financial goals, and a key to our relationship is understanding risk tolerance.

"The recognition hopefully reaffirms for our clients the benefits of our team's strategic approach and integrity."

Finkelberg, whose office is located at 1062 Highland Colony Parkway in Ridgeland, currently manages more than \$450 million in client assets.

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About Forbes ranking of Best-In-State Wealth Advisors

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