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## **MARK G. THOMPSON NAMED TO FORBES' LIST OF BEST-IN-STATE WEALTH ADVISORS**

Melbourne, Florida. – Mark G. Thompson, a Senior Vice President, Managing Director and Certified Financial Planner 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 15, 2018.

“We’re proud to see Mark 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 Mark’s professionalism and commitment to clients.”

The *Forbes* ranking of Best-In-State Wealth Advisors, developed by SHOOK Research, is based on an [algorithm of qualitative criteria](#), mostly gained through telephone and in-person due diligence interviews, and quantitative data. Those advisors that are considered have a minimum of seven years’ experience, and the algorithm weights factors like revenue trends, assets under management, compliance records, industry experience and those that encompass best practices in their practices and approach to working with clients. Portfolio performance is not a criteria due to varying client objectives and lack of audited data. Neither *Forbes* nor SHOOK receives a fee in exchange for rankings. This ranking is not indicative of advisor’s future performance, is not an endorsement, and may not be representative of individual clients’ experience. Neither Raymond James nor any of its Financial Advisors or RIA firms pay a fee in exchange for this award/rating.

Thompson, whose office is located at 202 N. Harbor City Blvd in Melbourne, currently manages more than \$500 million in client assets and specializes in providing comprehensive financial and retirement planning and helping clients exit closely held businesses.

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### **About Forbes ranking of Best-In-State Wealth Advisors**

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