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Bernhardt Wealth Management Ranks Among Top Financial Advisory Firms

Virginia-Based Financial Firm Flourishes despite Difficult Economic Period

McLean, VA (September 22, 2010) – Bernhardt Wealth Management, a Virginia-based financial advisory firm, recently appeared on the 2010 Top Wealth Managers list compiled by Summit Business Media's *Wealth Manager*.

Firms that participate in the Top Wealth Managers survey are ranked according to assets under management per client at the end of each calendar year and consist of the lion's share of the largest, most established registered investment advisors (RIAs) in America. They are, according to Fusion Advisor Network President Philip Palaveev, "the ones every RIA wants to be when they grow up." Bernhardt Wealth Management manages over $123 million in assets.

"We are guided by one simple goal," explains Gordon J. Bernhardt, president and founder of Bernhardt Wealth Management. "Namely, to put client interests first and serve them, well. We are committed to delivering highly objective, comprehensive and disciplined investment advice; attentive, personalized service; commitment to time-tested investment best practices; and professional experience. The fiduciary process we employ has helped us earn and maintain the trust of our clients. We are gratified in the knowledge that we are helping many people make better decisions about their money and their lives."

Established in 1994, Bernhardt Wealth Management serves affluent individuals, families and business-owners throughout the Washington, DC area. The average Bernhardt client has $1.2 million under management. Qualified investors are individuals or families with $1 million or more to invest.

"Professional investment advice is available from several sources, with Investment Brokers and independent Registered Investment Advisors (RIAs) being two of the most common advice providers," Bernhardt said. "To select a trusted investment professional that is well-qualified and well-suited to meet an investor's unique needs, we believe it's important for investors to educate themselves about the differences between these options. We lay out our fiduciary investment process, credentials and business philosophies on our website so that people can check us out on their own, without feeling any pressure. We try to explain simply that as a 'fiduciary' we are legally bound to look after their best interests."

For more tips on personal finance, Gordon Bernhardt can be reached at (888) 356-4380 or at Gordon@BernhardtWealth.com.

The complete 2010 Top Wealth Managers list can be found at http://www.wealthmanagerweb.com/top-wealth-managers/2010/Pages/2010-Top-Wealth-Manager-Rankings.aspx. Participants must 1) be registered investment advisers, 2) report more than $50 million in assets under advisement, and 3) have predominantly individual clients.

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About Bernhardt Wealth Management

Gordon J. Bernhardt, CPA, PFS, CFP®, AIF®, established Bernhardt Wealth Management in 1994. He is a Certified Public Accountant and Personal Financial Specialist. Committed to a higher fiduciary standard of excellence, he has earned the professional designations of CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ professional and Accredited Investment Fiduciary®. Gordon received his degree in commerce from the University of Virginia. For more information, visit www.bernhardtwealth.com