

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: *Benjamin Lewis*
Perception, Inc.
301-963-7555

McLean-Based Wealth Management Firm Hires Financial Planning Manager:

Bernhardt Wealth Management expands staff to serve the needs of clients

McLean, VA (August 26, 2008) – With a focus on serving the needs of affluent individuals and families throughout the Washington, DC area, Bernhardt Wealth Management in McLean, VA has hired a new Financial Planning Manager to aid the firm in expanding their capabilities for their clients.

Charles (Chuck) L. Thompson, III joins the staff effective immediately to lean the firm’s financial planning efforts, including financial and retirement analyses for clients. He will also serve as a relationship manager and will assist with portfolio design and management.

A graduate of the University of Maryland, Chuck joins the firm after spending several years at Fidelity Investments as a Retirement Consultant responsible for in-depth retirement planning for clients. At Fidelity he was also responsible for overseeing the front-end of the Managed Portfolio Advisory Program and was a member of Fidelity’s President Circle. He was most recently employed at Charles Schwab as vice president and financial consultant accountable for managing client relationships, portfolio construction, and retirement planning and evaluation for a client practice of \$300MM.

“We are thrilled to have someone of Chuck’s abilities join our professional team of wealth managers,” said Gordon Bernhardt, president of Bernhardt Wealth Management. “Chuck’s background and desire to help grow the firm while aiding our clients achieving their financial objectives is certainly welcome.”

Chuck is currently a Chartered Financial Planner Counselor (CRPC) and is currently enrolled in the CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ (CFP®) program.

“I am pleased to join a firm that has such a great history of helping affluent clients throughout the Washington, DC area. I hope my skills and abilities can accentuate what Gordon and his team have already created,” added Chuck Thompson.

For more information on this new hire, or to talk with a professional from Bernhardt Wealth Management, please contact Benjamin Lewis at 301-963-7555 or benjamin.lewis@perceptiononline.com.

ABOUT BERNHARDT WEALTH MANAGEMENT

Founded in 1994 by Gordon Bernhardt, CFP®, CPA/PFS, Bernhardt Wealth Management has been helping affluent individuals and families throughout the Washington, DC area achieve their financial objectives. The firm provides comprehensive financial planning services and strategies with a focus on personal service.