

Northwestern Mutual Leads Industry in Inaugural Ranking of "Top Financial Security Professionals"

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 19, 2021 /[PRNewswire](#)/ -- Northwestern Mutual advisors represent more than one quarter of the honorees within *Forbes*'s newly released "Top Financial Security Professionals 2021" ranking, significantly outpacing all other wealth management and financial services firms.

The *Forbes* list honors the nation's top-performing wealth advisors who provide holistic planning focusing on highly skilled financial guidance and risk mitigation. Honorees are selected based on a set of key criteria including industry experience, revenue, assets under management, client loyalty – also known as persistence rate – as well as qualitative factors like compliance record and the exhibition of best practices.

"We are thrilled to have such strong, industry-leading representation in this year's ranking, with more than a quarter of the honorees affiliated with Northwestern Mutual," said Tim Gerend, the company's chief distribution officer and a member of the Forbes/SHOOK Financial Security Professionals Leadership Advisory Board. "As more Americans seek financial advice during these times of uncertainty, our field force, the largest, most productive and most diverse in company history, is exceptionally well-positioned to serve their clients through their expertise and more sophisticated, comprehensive financial strategies."

America's Top Financial Security Professionals Ranking follows the recognition of five Northwestern Mutual Wealth Management advisors on [Working Mother and SHOOK Research's 2021 Top Wealth Advisor Moms](#) list and three advisors on [Forbes Top Next-Gen Wealth Advisors](#) list. Leading industry publications including *Financial Planning*, *Financial Advisor*, *ThinkAdvisor* and *InvestmentNews* consistently rank Northwestern Mutual Investment Services as a top independent broker-dealer by total revenue.

"No one delivers financial security to clients like Northwestern Mutual wealth advisors – and this list proves it," said Aditi Javeri Gokhale, the company's chief commercial officer and president of its investment products and services business. "Given the uncertainty of the last 18 months, many Americans' sense of financial anxiety is higher than ever. But when they have a comprehensive plan that grows and protects wealth, they can live more and worry less."

Those Northwestern Mutual advisors recognized in America's Top Financial Security Professionals Ranking 2021 are:

John Adams	Rick Hu	Ryan Saunders
Delynn Alexander	John Iezzi	David Schimberg
Scott Ashline	Mike Jones	Stephen Schwartz
Michael Bartenhagen	John Klich	Mike Sedjo
Rebecca Bast	Mark Kull	Michael Smith
Bradley Baune	Sam Laorenza	Kevin Spahn
Douglas Benson	Tyler Layne	Scott Sparks
Art Blick	Randy Lehman	Keith Spengel
Steve Braun	Paul Ludacka	Brian Stanley
Zach Burton	Mark Lupton	John Sterner
Lou Cannataro	Todd Marschall	Todd Tauzin
Matt Carothers	Todd McClure	Raul Tavdy
Justin Charise	Ed McGill	Gary Taylor

Michael D'Aquila	Mike McGinley	E. Peter Tiboris
Jerry David	Harry J. Mentonis	Peter Tillinghast
Scott DeSantis	David Miller	Craig Volk
James DiNardo	James Munder	Keith Wagner
Benjamin Feldman	William Newman	Adam Waitzman
Jim Fitzgerald	Shawn W. Phelps	Thomas R. Wilmink
Howard Goldman III	Andrew Rasmussen	Mark Wise
Daniel Gould	Adam Riegel	William D. Yancey
Todd Grandy	Bob Roth	Royce Zimmerman
Matthew Greene	Michael Ryan	
Loren Hsiao	Theodore Sangalis	

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