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FIRST PEOPLES WEALTH MANAGEMENT SERVICES HONORED FOR THEIR SERVICE AND DELIVERY OF ADVICE TO CLIENTS

[CUMBERLAND, MD] — [March 22, 2021] – First Peoples Wealth Management Services has been named a 2020 Top Investment Program by LPL Financial, a partner to the program providing comprehensive brokerage and wealth management services.

LPL recognized First Peoples Wealth Management Services and its financial professionals for their use of innovation and leadership in driving change, and excellence in execution. Led by **Aaron Strawderman and Chris Mathews, MBA, CFP®, RICP®** the program was among only five of more than 800 LPL Financial programs located at bank and credit unions to earn similar recognition, a distinct achievement in a year that prompted all financial institutions to adjust to uncertainty and adopt new ways of doing business.

"On behalf of LPL, I congratulate the entire team at First Peoples Wealth Management Services for their dedication to helping clients gain access to valuable objective financial guidance in an ever-changing environment," said Arthur Osman, LPL Financial executive vice president, Institution Services Relationship Management. "The program remains committed to the highest service standards, and this honor demonstrates the outstanding results and tireless work each team member does to take care of their clients' financial needs and aspirations. We thank First Peoples Wealth Management Services for their continued partnership and wish them continued success."

Now in its tenth year, First Peoples Wealth Management Services is an established Wealth Management program within their community. As time has passed, they have not only met the goal of building a superior Wealth Management program for their clients, but have also found themselves helping hundreds of community members to organize and work toward meeting financial goals. This recognition as a top performing program is a source of great pride for the work that has been done on behalf of their customers and communities.

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**Based on total revenues, *Financial Planning* magazine June 1996-2020

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