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LPL FINANCIAL CONGRATULATES RON CARSON, SUSAN KAPLAN AND JOHN WALDRON; NAMED BY *BARRON'S* MAGAZINE IN THEIR ANNUAL TOP 100 FINANCIAL REPORT

SAN DIEGO, CA — April 29, 2008 — LPL Financial Corporation (“LPL Financial”), the nation’s largest independent broker-dealer announced today that three of the firm’s advisors were recently named as one of the “Top 100 Financial Advisors in the U.S.” by *Barron’s* magazine.

Ron Carson of Carson Wealth Management, Omaha, Ne., Susan Kaplan of Kaplan Financial Services, Boston, Mass., and John Waldron of Waldron Wealth Management, Pittsburgh, Pa. were recipients of this prestigious ranking, which highlights many of the most prominent men and women in the field. The listing, compiled by financial-industry consultant R.J. Shook, was based on each advisor’s assets under management, his or her contribution to the firm’s revenues and profits, and indications of service quality.

“Having our advisors included on this prestigious list and recognized for their excellence and leadership in the industry is something all of us at LPL Financial are very proud of,” said Bill Dwyer, President of LPL Financial Independent Advisor Services. “This accomplishment reflects the impressive growth of LPL Financial advisors and their commitment to being a trusted leader in their community and helping clients achieve their financial goals.”

Advisors were chosen for the Barron’s report by banks and brokerage firms identified by the Winners Circle® organization. The list cited:

- #29, Ron Carson, Carson Wealth Management
- #64, Susan Kaplan, Kaplan Financial Services
- #39, John Waldron, Waldron Wealth Management

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