

Pinkerton named to LPL Financial's Executive Council



Dan Pinkerton, owner of Pinkerton Retirement Specialists, LLC was recently named to LPL's Executive Council. Membership on the prestigious LPL Financial Services council is reserved for less than ½ of 1 percent of all 12,489 LPL advisors nationwide,* and Mr. Pinkerton was ranked 9th in the nation, and in the top 10 for the last 5 years consecutively. Pinkerton was recognized for his exceptional performance and commitment to client service during one of the industry's largest gatherings of independent financial advisors to date at the Focus '09 Investment Conference, which remains the industry's premier educational event.

A highlight of the conference in San Diego was a keynote presentation by George W. Bush, 43rd President of the United States. Former President Bush offered candid and thorough responses to questions about international relations and business, the economy, investments, and politics.

He also met with Executive Council members, including Pinkerton, who stated: "President Bush was very personable and friendly, the type of person you'd enjoy having over for dinner. He mentioned that Coeur d'Alene is a nice place."

Approximately 5,000 attendees from around the country assembled for opportunity to learn new strategies and skills, expand knowledge in numerous product areas and network with peers and industry experts. Other speakers included Richard Ketchum, CEO of FINRA and Ron Insana, CNBC Senior Analyst.

Bill Dwyer, President of LPL Financial stated: "Our conference theme 'Clients First: A Focus on Main Street' recognizes that investors need comprehensive financial planning and independent guidance from advisors they can trust, particularly as they become increasingly disillusioned with Wall Street firms."

Unlike many brokerage firms, LPL

Financial does not develop its own investment products, so the unbiased advice given by its advisors is based solely on individual client needs. LPL Financial advisors help individual and institutional investors meet their financial goals by managing \$259 billion in brokerage and advisory assets for them as of June 30, 2009.

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