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FIVE STAR Wealth ManagersSM Announced, “Best in Client Satisfaction”

Denver, CO (November 1, 2010) – Gill Capital Partners’ principals, James O’Brien and John Winslow, are named “2010 FIVE STAR Wealth Managers,” an honor awarded less than 4% of Denver area wealth managers. O’Brien is awarded this honor for a second consecutive year. For Winslow, this is the first commendation.

In the November issues of *5280* and *ColoradoBiz* magazines, the 2010 FIVE STAR Wealth ManagersSM “Best in Client Satisfaction” are announced. *5280* and *ColoradoBiz* formed a partnership with Crescendo Business Services, an independent research firm, to identify the “best in client satisfaction” wealth managers serving the Denver area. Crescendo surveyed, by mail and phone, more than 109,000 high-net-worth residents in the Denver area.

Survey recipients were asked to select only wealth managers whom they knew through personal experience, and to evaluate them based upon nine criteria: customer service, integrity, knowledge/expertise, communication, value for fee charged, meeting of financial objectives, post-sale-service, quality of recommendations and overall satisfaction. Only wealth managers with five years of experience in the financial services industry were considered.

Next, each wealth manager was reviewed for regulatory actions, civil judicial actions and customer complaints as reported by FINRA (the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority) and other regulatory agencies.

Then, before finalizing the list, wealth managers were reviewed by a blue-ribbon panel. The blue-ribbon panel was comprised of knowledgeable individuals from within the financial services industry. Although panelist comments were incorporated into the final score, safeguards were built into the review process to reduce the ability of panel members to influence the composition of the final list on the basis of company affiliation.

RESEARCH DECLARATIONS

As with any research or recognition program, it is important that we provide you the following declarations:

- The 2010 FIVE STAR Wealth Managers do not pay a fee to be included in the research or the final list of FIVE STAR: Best in Client Satisfaction Wealth Managers.

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- The overall evaluation score of a wealth manager reflects an average of all respondents and may not be representative of any one client's evaluation.
- The FIVE STAR Award is not indicative of the wealth manager's future performance.
- Wealth managers may or may not use discretion in their practice and therefore may not manage their client's assets.
- The inclusion of a wealth manager on the FIVE STAR Wealth Manager list should not be construed as an endorsement of the wealth manager by Crescendo Business Services, 5280 magazine or *ColoradoBiz* magazine.
- Working with a FIVE STAR Wealth Manager or any wealth manager is no guarantee as to future investment success nor is there any guarantee that the selected wealth managers will be awarded this accomplishment by Crescendo in the future.
- The research process for the FIVE STAR: Best in Client Satisfaction Wealth Manager Program, managed by Quantitative Market Intelligence (QMI), incorporates a statistically valid sample in order to identify the wealth managers in the local market that score highest in client satisfaction. QMI does not include wealth managers on the list unless their score is statistically valid. At least fifty percent of the wealth managers in the market have a statistically valid score.
- For more information on the FIVE STAR Award and the research/selection methodology, go to: fivestarpromotional.com/wmresearch.

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About Gill Capital Partners. Gill Capital Partners is an independent Colorado financial services firm, serving clients since 1983. Gill Capital Partners has three distinct lines of business: Wealth Management for the individual investor; Institutional Services for banks and public entities (including Colorado municipalities); and Corporate Services for entrepreneurs and established businesses. Gill Capital Partners helps you plan, predict, protect, your future one day at a time.

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