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Steven Stocker Named as One of America's Top Advisors by Barron's Magazine

New Philadelphia, Ohio — April 26, 2010 — Steven C. Stocker, Managing Member and Principal of Investment Partners LTD, has been named as one of the “Top 1000 Financial Advisors in America” by *Barron's* magazine, a leading financial publication. Additionally, Stocker was ranked 6th in the state of Ohio in the 2010 state – by – state ranking.

According to *Barron's*, in order to make this list, “advisors need to be leaders in their states in assets under advisement”. “They also must generate ample revenue for their firms, and run provably high quality practices”. “And of course, they can't have bad marks on their regulatory records”.

Barron's went on to note, “the 1000 advisors have a number of things in common, too. Most hail from big brokerage houses and banks, with a striking number – 317 – coming from Merrill Lynch alone”. Other factors noted included a strikingly high client retention rate measured at 97% and an average tenure in the industry of 25 years.

Each advisor on this year's State-by-State ranking was filtered down from a list of over 4,000 nominees, 25% more than last year. Each nominee was evaluated against numerous qualitative and quantitative criteria, ranging from assets under management, revenue produced for the firm, regulatory record, quality of practice, and philanthropic work. This ranking encompasses only a select group of financial advisors, and highlights some of the most prominent men and women in the financial services industry.

“We are honored to have been recognized by *Barron's* as one of the top 1000 Advisors and are especially proud to be ranked number 6 in the State of Ohio”. “The majority of the advisors on the list are in larger cities across the country, so it is especially gratifying to be included”, stated Steve Stocker, Managing Member and Principal in the New Philadelphia office.

“Of course we're honored and humbled to join this elite membership, thanks to our clients and the relationships we've built with them,” said Stocker. “However, the recognition that always means the most to us is our clients' continued trust in our firm and services.”

Stocker's firm, Investment Partners LTD, is a locally owned, SEC Registered Investment Adviser with offices in Columbus, Millersburg, Mentor and New Philadelphia, Ohio. The firm was founded in 1996 and provides Wealth Management Services to High Net Worth and Ultra High Net Worth Individuals, as well as Professional Portfolio Management to Retirement Plans, Corporations, Family Trusts, Endowments and Foundations. (Web site: www.invp.com). Stocker is also a Registered Representative and Registered Securities Principal of Commonwealth Financial Network, Member FINRA/SIPC.