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IARFC President Presents Cato Award for Distinguished Journalism in the Field of Financial Services to Barry Ferguson

H. Stephen Bailey, RFC®. President of the International Association of Registered Financial Consultants (IARFC) presented Barry M. Ferguson, RFC® the prestigious 2009 Cato Award for Distinguished Journalism in the Field of Financial Services. The award sponsored by the IARFC has honored professionals in the financial products and services industry since 1992. The award is named in honor of Forrest Wallace Cato, a noted financial journalist who has promoted this specialty discipline.

Ferguson is President and founder of the independent investment advisory firm BMF Investments, Inc. in Charlotte, NC. The Cato Award recognizes Ferguson's contributions to financial publications fostering the understanding and education of the complex investment landscape. With a style described by some readers as 'bombastic' and 'in your face', Ferguson's writing never fails to challenge conventional thinking. Through wit and humor, Ferguson's message expands perspective and knowledge of investing. In addition to his advisory practice, Ferguson produces the popular investment newsletter, Barry's Bulls, writes articles for financial publications, gives frequent investment lectures, and authored the book, Navigating the Mind Fields of Investing Money.

H. Stephen "Steve" Bailey, a well-recognized investment planner in the Charlotte/Metro area, is the author of *DollarSense, A Book for Matured Adults* and for many years was the financial columnist in *Senior Directions*. His radio program *DollarSense* was broadcast in the Charlotte market for over 6 years. His firm, HB Financial Resources, is a multi-generational investment planning and wealth management firm providing full-line financial services on a personal basis with a wide variety of financial products, which are well suited to the needs of individuals, corporations and institutions.

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