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**DOBRZYNSKI AND SMRZ NAMED TO
WADDELL & REED'S CIRCLE OF CHAMPIONS**

Oak Brook, IL – Jason Dobrzynski, CMFC, and Mary Anne Smrz, CFP® have qualified for Waddell & Reed's annual Circle of Champions conference, recognizing the company's top financial advisors. This year's event – which also commemorates the company's 75th anniversary – will take place in Kansas City, Missouri, May 7-10.

The conference is conducted each summer by the asset management and financial planning firm, with selection based on an analysis of investments, insurance and financial planning sales generated by the advisor. More than 450 advisors qualified for this year's event, out of Waddell & Reed's national network of nearly 1,800 financial advisors. This is the second time Jason and eleventh time Mary Anne have earned the honor.

Jason has been a professional in the financial services industry for 13 years, Mary Anne for 19 years, and they counsel clients in Chicago and the suburbs on their long-term investment goals. Jason joined Waddell & Reed in 1999 and has earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota. Mary Anne joined the firm in June, 1993, earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago and a master's degree from the University of Massachusetts.

Founded in 1937, Waddell & Reed today has grown to more than 250 registered offices nationwide. The company offers a wide array of investment products and services, as well as a variety of insurance products through arrangements with outside insurance companies. For more information about Waddell & Reed, or about financial services in general, contact them at 630-954-4611; Jason is on extension 106 and Mary Anne extension 118, or visit their website www.marandjason.wrfa.com

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