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THE TOP 1,000 ADVISERS

In this era of uncertainty, with trusted advice more valuable than ever, we've compiled our largest list of the nation's best financial advisers, profiling the No. 1 in each of the 50 states.



Brenda Blisk, founder and CEO of the Blisk Financial Group at Spire Investment Partners in McLean, VA, has been recognized by Barron's Magazine as one of the "Top 1000 Financial Advisors" in the U.S. (#21 in Virginia).

Barron's first annual ranking of the top 1000 advisors from across the country appeared in a special section of its February 9th edition. Listed by state, the advisors were chosen from more than 3,000 nominations. Selections was based on "both quantitative and qualitative criteria, such as assets under management, revenue produced for the firm, client satisfaction, regulatory record and philanthropic work," said the magazine in a news release announcing its special edition.

This new Barron's listing follows Blisk's recognition in 2007 and 2008 as one of Barron's Top 100 Women Financial Advisors in the U.S. In addition, Blisk has been recognized in both 2007 and 2008 by Virginia Business Magazine as one of the top 50 wealth advisors in Virginia.

Blisk was also named one of the 2008 "Women Who Mean Business" by the Washington Business Journal. She was one of 25 women to receive this prestigious award in November 2008.

Washington Business Journal Publisher Alex Orfinger describes these awards as representing "leadership, innovation, entrepreneurship, business savvy and just plain hard work."

In June 2007, Blisk received a Bravo Women Business Achievement Award sponsored by Washington Smart CEO magazine and TiE-DC, an organization dedicated to supporting the community of entrepreneurs in the Mid-Atlantic region. Blisk was one of 25 women honored.

Criteria for the Bravo Awards include overcoming business obstacles, financially outperforming competitors, displaying leadership and work ethic beyond the workplace and using a business base to benefit community fundraising.

About Brenda Blisk

Brenda Blisk founded The Blisk Financial Group (www.bliskfinancialgroup.com) in 1985. In 1997 Blisk and her team went independent as an Investor Advisor Representative of Legacy Advisors, LLC, (now Spire Investment Partners) in McLean, Virginia. Wealth Manager Magazine has ranked the firm as one of its top financial advisory firms five consecutive years from 2004 through 2008.

Serving clients in more than 20 states, Blisk heads a team of seven, which includes two other financial consultants, two client service representatives and two research analysts. Her team manages more than \$200 million in assets.

Blisk provides "unbiased" advice, custom strategies for income planning and wealth accumulation, special needs planning and portfolio management to clients.