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Jamie Kertis of Grinkmeyer Leonard Financial Honored on the NAPA Top Retirement Plan Advisors Under 40 List

Birmingham, Alabama (March 8, 2017)—Grinkmeyer Leonard Financial, a financial advisory firm in Birmingham, Alabama, today announces that its Retirement Plan Consultant, **Jamie Kertis**, QKA, AIF®, CPFA, has been named to the National Association of Plan Advisors (NAPA) 2017 Top Retirement Plan Advisors Under 40 list. The list will be published in the summer 2017 issue of *NAPA Net the Magazine*, will be acknowledged at the 2017 NAPA 401(k) Summit, and is currently featured online.

Jamie joined the firm in June 2012 after gaining extensive 401(k) plan design knowledge at a national recordkeeper. With over 10 years of experience in the retirement plan industry, she has a deep appreciation for the positive impact that a well-designed benefit package can have on the average hard-working employee. In her current role as Strategic Retirement Plan Coordinator, Jamie works with company Presidents, CFOs, CEOs, and human resource professionals to design, implement, and manage retirement plans that not only represent the best interests of employees, but also attract and reward top level executives.

"Congratulations to Jamie for being recognized as a NAPA top next-generation retirement plan advisor," said Wayne Bloom, CEO of Commonwealth Financial Network®, Jamie's broker/dealer–RIA. "Jamie is a passionate advocate for retirement plans, plan sponsors, and plan participants and will inspire and lead the next generation of the industry. We are pleased to celebrate her accomplishment and are privileged to have Jamie Kertis and Grinkmeyer Leonard Financial as a member of the Commonwealth community."

"I am honored and humbled to be included in this prestigious group of professionals," says Jamie. "I believe it is the responsibility of the next generation of advisors to change the course of retirement plan savings; to put the focus back on the financial well-being of employees and to service and support plan sponsors."

The NAPA Top Retirement Plan Advisors Under 40* list includes plan advisors who have built a solid practice—either alone or as part of a team—and are established leaders ready to take their defined contribution (DC) and 401(k) plans to the next level. Nominations were solicited by NAPA members. Nominees were asked to complete an application, and winners were chosen based on criteria that include current and new DC assets under management, DC plans for the past 12 and 24 months, and DC/DB plan revenue. Overall, 309 advisors were considered, and 75 (24.3 percent of candidates) were recognized. For more information, please visit: www.napa-net.org.

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