



HBKS® Wealth Advisors Announces Latest Rankings Results

Erie, PA - HBKS® Wealth Advisors is pleased to announce an upward move in the AdvisorOne Top Wealth Managers' annual rankings for 2012/2013.

According to the most recent survey, HBKS® is now the 52nd largest independent Registered Investment Advisory firm in the nation. This is an upward leap of nearly 20 spots from the previous survey.

"It is just the latest affirmation of our commitment to offer our clients personalized and tailored wealth management services. This has always been about very talented people who have made it their lives' work to seek a different level of understanding of their clients," said Christopher M. Allegretti, CPA and CEO/Managing Partner of HBKS® and its sister company Hill, Barth and King, LLC, a Top 100 public accounting firm.

Chris Sorce, CFP®, one of the founding Principals of HBKS® Wealth Advisors and a Senior Principal at the firm, added, "working in the best interest of our clients has allowed us to grow our firm in an independent and objective fashion to the point where our clients' success adds to our success".

"And we can't help but feel validated that we are doing just that, based on the consistency with which we are able to increase our collective standing in independent surveys such as this one," he said. "We are quite pleased and will continue our quest to improve, grow and help secure peace of mind through financial stability for our clients."

This is the 12th year that AdvisorOne (and its predecessor publications) have surveyed, analyzed and ranked the Top Wealth Managers. As in years past, AdvisorOne solicited those RIA firms which identified their companies as wealth managers and then requested various details about the operations of the firms choosing to participate in the survey.

This allowed AdvisorOne to create a database of rankings revealing the Top Wealth Managers (among survey participants) by total Assets Under Management (AUM), along with various other measurements of criteria, including average AUM listing per client.

The Top 100 RIAs list was assembled using data from Meridian-IQ (in which Penton Media has a stake). Advisory firms are ranked by total assets under management. In order to be on the list, firms had to have at least 10 percent individual clients and at least 10 percent high-net-worth clients for whom they perform financial planning services, and no more than 50 percent institutional clients.

Finally, none of the RIAs on this list operates as a broker/dealer, a bank or is affiliated with an investment company.

For details on the rankings, please visit <http://www.dispatch.com/content/blogs/the-bottom-line/2013/05/hundredth-well.html>

HBKS Wealth Advisors was established in 2001 when Hill, Barth & King LLC® one of the nation's most venerable accounting firms, merged with The Sorce Financial Group.

The resulting HBK Sorce Financial Group expanded over the next decade into Ohio and Florida as well as throughout western Pennsylvania, adding licensed financial professionals in a wide range of disciplines, and increasing assets under management to more than \$1.4 billion.

Today, HBKS advisors in 10 offices operate with that same family-oriented philosophy, working closely with clients, as neighbors and friends, to holistically address their financial conditions, aspirations and goals.

To learn more about HBKS®, please visit our website at www.hbkswalth.com.

Hill, Barth and King LLC® ranks as the 90th largest public accounting firm in the nation.

The Firm employs nearly 300 professional and support staff members who serve clients in 12 offices located throughout Pennsylvania, Ohio and Florida.

To learn more about Hill, Barth and King LLC® please visit www.hbkcpa.com.

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