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Wilmington Trust Professional Named to List of Nation's Top Wealth Advisors

Fifth consecutive selection for Thomas J. Hakala in Worth magazine

Wilmington, DE, October 15, 2008 – Wilmington Trust, one of the nation's leading wealth advisory organizations, announced today that wealth management professional Thomas J. Hakala, JD, CPA, PFS, has been selected to ***Worth*** magazine's list of the top 250 wealth advisors in the United States. The list appears in the magazine's October edition.

This marks the fifth consecutive year Mr. Hakala, vice president and managing director in Wilmington Trust's Wealth Advisory Services office in New York, has been included on the list, which was expanded in 2008 from 100 to 250. Mr. Hakala, who joined Wilmington Trust in 2001, specializes in structuring the ownership and control of family wealth; estate, gift, and multi-generational trust planning; and asset allocation and money management for high-net-worth clients.

"We are proud that Tom has once again been honored with this prestigious recognition," said Mark A. Graham, executive vice president of Wilmington Trust and head of the company's Wealth Advisory Services business. "Tom's repeat selection to this elite list speaks to his expertise and reflects the consistently high level of service that wealth advisory clients receive from Wilmington Trust."

Each year, ***Worth*** magazine recognizes individuals for their expertise, integrity, and dedication to the field of wealth management. The Top 250 list represents months of extensive research and rigorous analysis. ***Worth*** editors considered only those wealth advisors with at least 10 years of experience and proven capabilities of managing accounts of at least $10 million. Work history, educational and professional credentials, client retention success, thorough reference checks, and the ability to communicate honestly and frankly with clients also weighed heavily in the final selection by ***Worth*** editors.

Wilmington Trust's Wealth Advisory Services business provides comprehensive fiduciary, asset management, and family office services that help high-net-worth individuals and families grow, preserve, and transfer wealth. It maintains 21 offices throughout the country and focuses on building long-term relationships with families, some of which span five generations.

Wilmington Trust Corporation (NYSE: WL) is a financial services holding company that provides Regional Banking services throughout the mid-Atlantic region, Wealth Advisory Services for high-net-worth clients in 36 countries, and Corporate Client Services for institutional clients in 86 countries. Its wholly owned bank subsidiary, Wilmington Trust Company, which was founded in 1903, is one of the largest personal trust providers in the United States and the leading retail and commercial bank in Delaware. Wilmington Trust Corporation and its affiliates have offices in Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Vermont, the Cayman Islands, the Channel Islands, London, Dublin, Frankfurt, Luxembourg, and Amsterdam.

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