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Stephen DeCesare, CFP® Named 2015 Philadelphia and 2016 New Jersey Five Star Wealth Manager

Marlton-based Certified Financial PlannerTM earns professional honor for fourth consecutive year



December 1, 2015 - Marlton N.J. - Independent wealth manager, retirement planner and president of DeCesare Retirement Specialists, Stephen DeCesare, CFP®, was presented with the 2015 Five Star Wealth Manager Award for the Philadelphia market and 2016 Award for the New Jersey market from Five Star Professional, a market research organization dedicated to defining and promoting professional excellence. This is DeCesare's fourth consecutive year of receiving this acknowledgement. These honors will be published in *Philadelphia Magazine's* December 2015 issue and New Jersey Monthly's January 2016 issue.

"I am honored and humbled to be recognized by Five Star Professional," stated Stephen DeCesare, CFP®, president of DeCesare Retirement Specialists. "This award affirms our organization's commitment to our clients and vocation of helping individuals grow wealth and retire with confidence.'

Five Star Professional partnered with *Philadelphia* magazine and *New Jersey Monthly* to find wealth managers who satisfy 10 objective eligibility and evaluation criteria that are associated with wealth managers who provide quality services to their clients. Fewer than seven percent of wealth managers in Philadelphia and three percent in New Jersey were selected for this award. Five Star Professional chose DeCesare as an award recipient based on its

independent internal and external research data, including assessment of credentials, education, tenure and regulatory standards. The market research organization also conducts an annual survey of registered financial services professionals and all identified financial service companies in the Philadelphia area that are registered with FINRA or the SEC.

"This award continues to motivate us to advance our client-centric service and personalized retirement planning solutions year after year," concluded DeCesare.

About Five Star Professional

Five Star Professional conducts market-specific research to identify service professionals who provide quality services to their clients. Five Star Professional joins forces with city and regional magazines to make the research results available to consumers in more than 45 markets across the United States and Canada. Five Star Professional was founded in 2003 and is based in Minneapolis, MN. For more information, visit www.fivestarprofessional.com.

About Stephen DeCesare, CFP® & DeCesare Retirement Specialists

Stephen DeCesare, CFP®, is founder and president of DeCesare Retirement Specialists, an independent wealth management and retirement planning firm based in Marlton, New Jersey. DeCesare is a leading retirement transition specialist who has spent the last decade of his career helping professionals retire with confidence. His multi-disciplinary planning approach works to ensure that the investment, income, insurance, tax and estate strategies are in place to achieve his clients' financial and lifestyle goals for retirement. DeCesare offers guidance to corporate employees regarding their 401(k)s, pensions and IRAs, including rollovers and investment decisions. He also assists professionals going through workplace transition, with the critical decisions and financial plan adjustments needed to help ensure a smooth progression of their financial life as they enter into their next job or retirement. DeCesare is a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNERTM, Investment Advisor Representative of DeCesare Retirement Specialists a Registered Investment Advisor, a Registered Representative under Triad Advisors, and he is life and health insurance licensed in the states of New Jersey and Pennsylvania. DeCesare is a member of the Financial Planning Association (FPA) and a recipient of the 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015 Five Star Wealth Manager. For more information please visit www.DeCesareRetirement.com.