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**NEW BERN FIRM NAMED ONE OF THE TOP INDEPENDENT RIAs IN U.S.**

D. L. Blain & Co., LLC Honored By *Financial Advisor* Magazine

**New Bern, NC (July 16, 2009)** – D. L. Blain & Co., LLC is pleased to announce that the firm has been named to *Financial Advisor* magazine's fourth annual independent RIA (Registered Investment Advisor) Survey for 2009. *Financial Advisor* annually publishes its survey of the top independent RIAs in the country based on assets under management. D. L. Blain & Co., LLC is one of four North Carolina RIAs—and the only RIA in Eastern North Carolina—to be included in the survey.

To be considered for the 2009 RIA survey, firms must be registered investment advisors and provide financial planning and related services to individual clients. All firms must be either independently owned or be a freestanding subsidiary of another business. Trust companies, banks and broker/dealers were ineligible.

Financial Advisor magazine reaches more than 90,000 qualified readers each month and delivers essential market information and strategies that advisors need to succeed in their increasingly complex environment. FA focuses on sophisticated planning and investment strategies to help advisors better serve their affluent clients, as well as practice management ideas to help advisors build their firms. FA goes in-depth to challenge traditional planning wisdom by introducing readers to new approaches to help them better counsel clients. To achieve these goals, FA continuously seeks to bring together the best team of editors and contributing writers to provide the most compelling publication for the top decision-makers in the financial advisory field.

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D. L. Blain & Co., LLC is a Fee-Only™ wealth management firm that provides investment management, financial planning, private equity and realty consulting services to high net worth individuals and business owners across the Southeastern United States. The company is the only Fee-Only™ registered investment advisory firm in Eastern North Carolina.

David L. Blain received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1989 from the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he was a Distinguished Honor graduate and member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. He has been awarded the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation, the only globally recognized credential for investment analysis and management. He is currently a member of the CFA Institute and the National Association of Personal Financial Advisors.