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Mark S. Cruise HONORED AS ONE OF LPL FINANCIAL'S TOP FINANCIAL ADVISORS

Providence, RI — January 28, 2021, — Mark S. Cruise, an independent LPL Financial advisor at the Virtus Group in Providence, today announced his inclusion in LPL's Chairman's Council. This elite award is presented to less than 2% of the firm's more than 17,000 financial advisors nationwide*.

"On behalf of LPL, I congratulate Mark on reaching this milestone in his professional career," said Angela Xavier, LPL Financial executive vice president, Independent Advisor Services. "Business owners, American investors and industries at large faced extraordinary challenges throughout 2020. In the advisor-mediated financial advice market, investors showed how much value they place on a trusting relationship with a financial advisor. We applaud Mark for his commitment to clients and resiliency as a business owner, and we are inspired by his dedication to making a meaningful impact in the lives of his clients. It is an honor to support Mark and wish his entire team continued success as they continue to add value for clients and in their business in the years ahead."

Mark is based in Providence, Rhode Island and provides a full range of financial services, including retirement and financial planning, individual money management, mutual funds, annuities and more.

Mark S. Cruise is affiliated with LPL Financial, the nation's largest independent broker-dealer** and a leader in the retail financial advice market. LPL provides the resources, tools and technology that support advisors in their work to enrich their clients' financial lives.

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