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ASHTON THOMAS WELCOMES CASPER, WYOMING-BASED FORMER WELLS FARGO PRIVATE BANK TEAM

SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA (May 3, 2021) – Michael J. Porter, CTFA, Kate Johnson, MBA, and Goda Stevens, formerly of Wells Fargo Private Bank, have joined Ashton Thomas Private Wealth in the firm's new Casper, Wyoming office. The team oversaw approximately \$600M in AUM while at Wells Fargo.

"Ashton Thomas is built on experienced, credentialed professionals in disciplines like portfolio management, estate conservation, and financial planning," said Mr. Porter, "as well as a future-ready digital platform. We believe the culture and professionalism of Ashton Thomas are particularly well-suited to the types of wealth management clients we plan on serving in this new chapter."

Mr. Porter holds the Certified Trust and Fiduciary Advisor (CTFA) designation conferred by the Cannon Financial Institute. Ms. Johnson received her MBA from Regis University in Colorado. Mr. Porter was with Wells Fargo for more than 25 years, Ms. Johnson for 31 years, and Mrs. Stevens for 11 years. They will be based out of a newly renovated office in historic downtown Casper, Wyoming. While the team has been engaged with various non-profit endeavors throughout the years, they plan to increase their engagement with the central Wyoming community in the months ahead backed by the commitment and support of their new firm.

"Mike, Kate, and Goda represent a milestone for Ashton Thomas," states Patrick Foley, Chief Operating Officer of Ashton Thomas Private Wealth. "While they are characteristic of the high-quality financial professionals we have attracted to date, the Casper team identified Ashton Thomas as an ideal match for their vision of what a wealth management practice should be early in their search process. We have worked hard to make Ashton Thomas the leading firm for elite advisors and they recognized that right away. We are excited to welcome them and look forward to many years of success together."

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About Ashton Thomas Private Wealth

Ashton Thomas Private Wealth is a diversified financial advisory firm committed to a culture of excellence, integrity, and respect in every aspect of its business. Its advisors serve foundations, business entities, and affluent individuals and families through fee-based financial planning and investment portfolio management, retirement plan consulting, and related financial education programs. The firm also strives to remain at the forefront of technological innovation and thought leadership within the financial services industry.