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## **FORMER WELLS FARGO ADVISORS REGIONAL PRESIDENT JOINS ASHTON THOMAS AS CHIEF GROWTH OFFICER**

SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA (September 13, 2021) – Daniel E. Barry, former Regional President and Managing Director of Wells Fargo Advisors’ Gateway Region, has joined Ashton Thomas Private Wealth as Chief Growth Officer. In this role, Mr. Barry will focus on initiatives to foster organic growth within the firm and will drive strategic growth by leading the firm’s external business development efforts. He will also contribute his vast repertoire of leadership experience in the wealth management industry to the firm’s continued advancement within the RIA space.

On why he selected Ashton Thomas after a storied career with Wells Fargo Advisors, Mr. Barry stated, “Ashton Thomas Private Wealth is a firm that respects and understands the importance of protecting the integrity of the advisor-client relationship. The necessary support, resources, and ability to be nimble is what advisors require to effectively grow their practice. We offer an incredible suite of leading-edge, game-changing solutions across all facets of the business. This empowers advisors to confidently gain independence without having to go it alone. It’s truly the best of both worlds.”

Prior to his sixteen-year tenure with Wells Fargo Advisors, Mr. Barry held a number of roles of increasing responsibility within Banc of America Securities’ predecessor firm, Quick & Reilly, where he helped establish and drive the wealth management presence in Colorado in the early 2000s and in Silicon Valley during the 1990s. He began to shape and launch his well-rounded and illustrious career on Wall Street by initially participating in the Branch Management Training Program.

Mr. Barry earned a Bachelor of Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting from St. Bonaventure University in 1993. In 2012, he successfully completed the Securities Industry Institute program sponsored by the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA) and The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. He is a former member of the Board of Governors of the Florida Securities Dealers Association, Inc. and has sat on numerous nonprofit boards.

“The addition of Dan to our leadership team stands out at a particularly important moment in the growth story of Ashton Thomas,” states founder and CEO, Aaron Brodt. “We have gone from a regional firm to a national player in just a few years without sacrificing the integrity of our culture or our vision. We are now poised for the exponential growth to which many firms aspire. Dan brings us an ideal blend of top-level leadership experience, industry foresight, and understanding of organizational scale. He was a successful advisor himself and he has managed highly successful advisors. He is also a great human being who is very well regarded by those who know him well. Right person. Right place. Right time. We’re excited to keep building this 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. The firm is headquartered in Scottsdale, Arizona.