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STETS AWARDED AIF® DESIGNATION BY CENTER FOR FIDUCIARY STUDIES

Pittsburgh, PA -August 1, 2008 – Justin D. Stets of Carlson Capital Management has been awarded the ACCREDITED INVESTMENT FIDUCIARY[®] designation from the Center for Fiduciary Studies. The AIF designation signifies training in fiduciary responsibility and follows a two-and-a-half day course and examination.

Stets, a resident of Northfield, MN is Principal & Managing Director for Carlson Capital Management. Stets helps provide vision and direction for the firm, while working with clients on all aspects of wealth management.

The Center for Fiduciary Studies is the first full-time training and research facility for fiduciaries. The Center, associated with the Center for Executive Education, Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business, University of Pittsburgh, teaches fiduciary standards of care and investment best practices designed for trustees and investment professionals. They also offer an ACCREDITED INVESTMENT FIDUCIARY ANALYST[™] designation signifying the ability to perform fiduciary assessments. Programs are offered throughout the year at the University of Pittsburgh's Center for Executive Education, Stetson University's Celebration Campus in Orlando, Florida, University of Washington in Seattle, Rice University in Houston, and the Wharton Business School of the University of Pennsylvania's West Campus in San Francisco. Courses are also available internationally in Canada, Singapore, New Zealand, and Australia. For more information on future events, training programs and fiduciary products, visit http://www.fi360.com.

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