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SNW Asset Management Recognized as Portland Top Wealth Advisor

The Portland Business Journal Awards Managing Director Shan Stach with Distinction

PORTLAND – April 18, 2008 – SNW Asset Management today announced Managing Director Shan Stach will be recognized as a Top Ten Independent Wealth Advisor in the Portland Business Journal. The article will appear in the publication's May 2 Wealth Advisors section.

The survey was compiled by The Winner's Circle, an independent source that has created similar lists for publications including Barron's. Advisors were asked to complete 87 questions, including typical account size, client retention and community involvement.

SNW Asset Management is a fixed income only wealth advisor, specializing in customized portfolio management for taxable and tax-exempt accounts. The company caters to High Net Worth individuals and was created to address the dearth in services for high quality fixed income.

"We felt strongly that individual investors should have access to specialized fixed income expertise at a competitive fee," Stach said. Great access to bonds is typically available to large institutional investors like mutual funds and insurance companies, Stach said, but not to the average HNW investor.

"Our clients, both individuals and other registered investment advisors for whom we manage assets, have responded enthusiastically to portfolio services that are customized to each client," Stach said.

Since its inception in 2002, SNW Asset Management has grown to manage over \$700 million in assets and roughly 250 clients.

With offices in Portland and Seattle, SNW Asset Management focuses primarily on the Mountain West region, but is expanding its business eastward to markets including Chicago and Atlanta.

SNW Asset Management is a wholly-owned LLC of Seattle-Northwest Securities Corp. (SNW), the largest employee-owned fixed income investment banking firm in the Pacific Northwest. SNW has been one of the most recognized underwriting and sales and trading operations in the region for over 35 years.