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SPOKANE ESTATE PLANNING COUNCIL HAS BEEN HONORED WITH THE 2017 COUNCIL OF EXCELLENCE AWARD BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ESTATE PLANNERS & COUNCILS (NAEPC)

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The Spokane Estate Planning Council has been awarded the highest honor available to an estate planning council affiliated with the National Association of Estate Planners & Councils, the Leonard H. Neiman and Walter Lee Davis, Jr. Council of Excellence Award. This award was created to recognize councils that are successful in their efforts to provide a strong multi-disciplinary environment for estate planning professionals within their community and is intended to honor those councils that truly work to grow their programs and services and to provide an exceptional member experience.

"We are looking forward to the award ceremony scheduled on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 during the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual NAEPC Advanced Estate Planning Strategies Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. The estate planning councils being recognized provide an exceptional of member service and are contributing to the success of not only their members, but to the estate planning community as a whole" NAEPC President Paul S. Viren, CLU®, ChFC®, AEP® said.

The Council of Excellence Award is named for two individuals who truly sought to strengthen the bond between NAEPC and its affiliated councils during their terms on the board. Walter Lee Davis, Jr. served as president of the association in 2008 and was instrumental in forming the Council Relations Committee, a group of volunteer members who are charged with being a liaison between affiliates and the national association. Leonard H. Neiman served the association as a board member for over fifteen years and worked tirelessly to gather information about estate planning councils from around the country.

## ABOUT SPOKANE ESTATE PLANNING COUNCIL

The Spokane Estate Planning Council is a non-profit, multi-disciplinary organization of approximately 180 members who share a common belief that a client is best served by the team concept of estate planning. The council was organized in 1952 to provide its members consisting of attorneys, trust officers, accountants, insurance and financial planners, planned giving professionals, as well as allied professionals with opportunities to enhance their skills through programs and interaction. The council is a member of the National Association of Estate Planners & Councils, the leading professional organization for estate planners, which provides its 2,000 Accredited Estate Planner® designees, and over 270 affiliated local estate planning councils and their 30,000 members with ongoing education and a forum for professional networking. For additional information contact: Theresa Rodgers, President at admin@spokaneepc.org.

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