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Local Financial Representative Earns Certified Financial Planner™ Certification

Richmond, VA (May 20th, 2008) Jason Pruden, a resident of Richmond, recently earned his Certified Financial Planner™ (CFP®) certification from the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards Inc.**

Jason, who is a financial representative with the Mid Atlantic Agency, a local financial services firm and member of John Hancock Financial Network (JHFN)*, successfully completed extensive study and an exam to earn the CFP® certification, which is one of the most recognized and respected credentials in the financial services industry.

“We are proud of Jason’s achievement and his dedication to meeting the financial needs of clients,” commented Robert Turner, managing partner of the Mid Atlantic Agency which is based in Richmond, VA.

With three of years of experience in investments and financial services, Jason is a graduate of Hampden Sydney. Jason graduated with a B.A. in Economics and is active in his community, devoting time and financial support to a number of organizations.

About Mid-Atlantic Agency

The Mid-Atlantic Agency of John Hancock Financial Network * has been dedicated to assisting families, businesses and professionals in the accumulation and protection of wealth for over 50 years. Our main offices are in Raleigh, North Carolina, and Richmond, Virginia, with many offices throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. Mid Atlantic provides financial guidance to thousands of clients, each with unique financial needs and goals. Their reputation is based on the strong relationships they have formed with their clients and their commitment to excellence in all they do.

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