## BENJAMIN F. EDWARDS NAMED #1 MID-SIZE WORKPLACE NATIONALLY; FEATURED IN USA TODAY

St. Louis – March 25, 2024 – Benjamin F. Edwards has taken first place nationally in the Top Workplaces survey of mid-size firms (500-999) category, its second national workplace award and the first time the honor has been designated by recognition co-sponsor <u>USA TODAY</u>.

It also is the fourth time since 2021 Edwards received the Top Workplaces award. The list of award winners is based solely on employee feedback gathered through a third-party survey administered by employee engagement technology partner Energage, LLC., which co-sponsored the recognition with USA TODAY.

"Our team at Edwards is humbled and energized to be ranked first among the top 100 U.S. companies with 500-999 employees," Tad said. "It is an honor to accept this recognition from USA TODAY and the Energage organization on behalf of all of our 700 employees."

According to USA TODAY, more than 7,000 employers nationwide were invited to take the (survey) and 2,227 went through the survey process. Ultimately, 1,531 employers received recognition, according to USA TODAY, which published the results in its March 20 edition.

"A Top Workplaces award brings a company's culture strengths to the national stage, helping them differentiate in a fiercely competitive landscape," said Eric Rubino, Energage CEO. "It's a morale-boosting honor for the workforce and an effective magnet for attracting top-tier talent."

Last year, Edwards was named a St. Louis Business Journal Best Places to Work winner as it has been for the three previous years. It also was chosen as a Top Workplaces USA 2023 (national award) by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Tad Edwards said he is honored that Edwards was once again selected for Top Workplaces, including USA TODAY'S validation.

"I am eternally grateful for our team here at Edwards. Our people are fun to work with and demonstrate an unwavering commitment to put our clients and others first. We are all aligned on our mission, goals, execution, and vision, which makes for an exciting future! We are still in the second inning of our growth and expansion."

## ABOUT

## About Benjamin F. Edwards

With a legacy spanning 137 years over six generations of the Edwards family, Benjamin F. Edwards today is an entrepreneurial wealth management enterprise welcoming client-first, full-service financial advisors to join our firm. Advisors at Edwards seek to render solid investment advice while helping clients develop a plan to reach their goals. The growing national firm is now in 32 states with 94 locations, with \$42 billion in assets under management. It remains true to its Golden Rule roots with regard to treatment of clients, financial advisors, employees, and all partners we work with. The home office in St. Louis knows advisors by name and eschews call centers to get advisors' questions answered. Leveraging the firm's distinguished heritage and vision for the future, those who desire can become advisors of the firm's broker-dealer, Benjamin F. Edwards. Alternatively, they can choose an

independent affiliation with the firm's registered investment advisor (RIA), Edwards Wealth Management. Edwards's strong fiscal foundation and timeless values enable it to be a firm of "Client-First Service Second-to-None," offering friendly support and thoughtful, tailored investment and planning advice to its treasured clients who make it all possible. We have zero debt and are committed to staying independent through future generations.

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