

Mike Ovshak Attends “State of Independence,” a National Conference for Financial Advisors

Local Financial Advisor Mike Ovshak Attends Commonwealth Financial Network’s Annual Conference

New Brighton, MN (November 2012) — Mike Ovshak, CFP® professional and President of FPS Financial, Inc. in New Brighton, MN, recently attended a national educational conference for independent financial advisors. Hosted by Commonwealth Financial Network®, the nation’s largest privately held independent broker/dealer, the sold-out event drew more than 781 financial professionals from across the nation. Participants gathered in San Antonio, Texas, November 2–5, 2012, where they heard from industry experts, networked with colleagues, and examined opportunities and challenges in the current market in an effort to provide continued leadership to investors.

The conference theme, *State of Independence*, encouraged attendees to channel their own independent spirit as inspiration to explore new terrain in their practices and with their clients. James Carville and Mary Matalin, married political consultants who sit on opposite sides of the aisle, were the keynote speakers, offering a lively debate on the current political landscape. Brad McMillan, Commonwealth’s chief investment officer, presented an economic and market update.

“It was fascinating to hear the viewpoints on various issues from these esteemed guests, especially just prior to the presidential election,” Ovshak commented.

The conference provided practical and tactical ways for advisors to enhance their businesses, including educational sessions on a range of topics from regulatory and compliance policies and investment strategies to business management and brand marketing.

“We’re proud to have an advisor of Mike Ovshak’s caliber as a member of the Commonwealth community,” said Wayne Bloom, CEO of Commonwealth. “His participation is representative of an ongoing commitment to taking advantage of everything independence has to offer in order to serve his clients to the fullest.”

About FPS FINANCIAL, INC.

Mike Ovshak has been providing individuals and organizations with financial guidance since 1990. Located at 919 Old Highway 8 NW, Suite 400, New Brighton, MN 55112, the firm prides itself on crafting unique strategies for each client. For more information, please visit www.fpsfinancial.net. Securities and advisory services offered through Commonwealth Financial Network®, Member FINRA/SIPC, a Registered Investment Adviser. Fixed Insurance products and services offered by FPS Financial, Inc.

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About Commonwealth Financial Network

Founded in 1979, Commonwealth Financial Network, member FINRA/SIPC, and a registered investment adviser, is the nation's largest privately held independent broker/dealer, with headquarters in Waltham, Massachusetts, and San Diego, California. J.D. Power and Associates ranks Commonwealth "Highest in Independent Advisor Satisfaction Among Financial Investment Firms" two times in a row*. The firm supports more than 1,400 independent registered representatives nationwide and makes available a comprehensive array of financial products and services. For more information, please visit www.commonwealth.com.

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