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Raymond James Announces 2017 Women of Distinction Award Winners

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. – Five Raymond James financial advisors were recognized as Women of Distinction at the firm's 23rd annual Women's Symposium, held in Tampa, Florida, Oct. 11-13. The awards recognize successful advisors in each of the firm's Private Client Group divisions who support the professional growth of other advisors and service associates and who are actively involved in their communities.

The recipients of the 2017 Women of Distinction Award presented at the awards dinner, Oct. 12, are:

- **Marta Shen**, Raymond James & Associates (RJA – Employees)
- **Laura Webb**, Raymond James Financial Services (RJFS – Independent Contractors)
- **Fraley Turnipseed**, Raymond James Financial Institutions Division (FID)
- **Kathleen Miller**, Raymond James Investment Advisors Division (IAD – RIAs)
- **Dominique Vincent**, Raymond James Ltd. (the firm's Canadian affiliate)

Shen has been instrumental in helping open the Atlanta midtown branch, increasing the firm's presence in a rapidly growing area. Within six months of joining the firm in early 2015 she increased her asset base by \$20 million, and within a year she grew her business 20%. Passionate about professional development, Shen holds several designations, has served in leadership roles for the Financial Planning Association of Georgia and also served on the One FPA Advisory Group. In addition to serving on the Raymond James Women's Advisory Council, she serves her community through involvement in programs like Junior Achievement, Funding the Future, Habitat for Humanity and more.

Webb, an RJFS advisor since 1995, located in Asheville, North Carolina, recently received the 2017 Volunteer of the Year award from Asheville's Chamber of Commerce for her dedication and involvement in her community, including the WomanUP initiative, which focuses on businesswomen who wish to build a strong network of women in the area. In addition to her work with the chamber, she is an ongoing sponsor of Power of the Purse, an organization also aimed at helping businesswomen succeed. She serves on the board for Friends of the Smokies and has been very active in the Western North Carolina Community Foundation, RiverLink and the Pigeon River Fund. Webb continues to play an active role in preserving many environmental areas in western North Carolina.

For Turnipseed, a FID advisor in Moultrie, Georgia, it was determination and competitive spirit that drove her to create Pentas Wealth Management in 2016 and successfully move the branch from a bank-owned to an independent program, while still working within the bank network. Turnipseed won Volunteer of the Year from the state of Georgia Parks and Recreation Department for raising funds for a four-plus-acre local park. She also has been involved in her local Power of the Purse efforts that benefit the United Way and its agencies. As a Girl Scouts board member for the state of Georgia, Turnipseed has helped implement an after-school brownie program in 18 low-income counties. She also serves on the local United Way board and on the board for the Boys and Girls Club, which is currently building a \$4 million facility to serve children in her local community.

Miller is the founder, president and CEO of Miller Advisors in Kirkland, Washington. She has published two books and frequently serves as a guest lecturer on investment-, money management- and divorce-related topics for such organizations as the Washington Bar Association, the American Women's Economic Development Corporation and more. Miller serves on the Seattle University Innovation and

Entrepreneurship Center Advisory Board, where she has participated as a judge for the annual business competition and is the chairperson for the family-owned business committee. She is one of the founders of the Women's Leadership Alliance, a Raymond James Network for Women Advisors-inspired national nonprofit dedicated to helping women enter and advance in the financial services profession.

Vincent began her career in communications and public relations and moved to the world of finance after earning her MBA in 1996. She joined 3Macs in Quebec City in 2001, earned the accreditation of Portfolio Manager, and in 2009 was appointed vice president. Vincent is an active member of her community, holding a number of volunteer or board positions at various organizations including the Advisory Committee of the Raymond James Canada Foundation and of the Alouettes Foundation. She remains close to the John Molson School of Business, previously serving on the dean's advisory board, and serving with the women's mentoring program. She recently launched "Young Investors" Learning Modules for all Raymond James advisors in Canada to use with their clients and their families.

"Marta, Laura, Fraley, Kathleen and Dominique are outstanding examples of the high caliber of advisors we are proud to be associated with at Raymond James," said Michelle Lynch, vice president of the Network for Women Advisors at Raymond James. "They demonstrate an amazing commitment to their clients and their chosen causes in each of their respective communities and are truly deserving of this year's Women of Distinction awards. I congratulate them and appreciate all they do."

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