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Eileen Sharkey Named FPA's 2009 P. Kemp Fain Jr. Award Honoree

July 27, 2009 (Denver, Colo)... The Financial Planning Association® (FPA®) today announced Eileen M. Sharkey, CFP®, as the 2009 P. Kemp Fain Jr. Award recipient.

FPA's P. Kemp Fain Jr. Award recognizes an FPA member who has made outstanding contributions to the financial planning profession in the areas of service to society, academia, government and professional activities, and upholds FPA's Core Values: Competence, Integrity, Relationships and Stewardship.

In 1978, Sharkey opened her own financial planning practice where she designed retirement and investment plans, and advocated the necessity for lifelong planning. In 1990, she formed Sharkey, Howes & Javer, Inc., with partners Larry Howes, CFP®, and Joel Javer, CFP®, a financial planning and investment advisory firm based in Denver, Colo.

As a pioneer of the financial planning community, Sharkey was deeply involved with FPA's predecessor organizations, the International Association for Financial Planning (IAFP) and the Institute of Certified Financial Planners (ICFP). She founded IAFP's Rocky Mountain Chapter, served on its Board of Directors and chaired its Ethics Committee and the World Congress Financial Conference. Sharkey was a Board member, president and chairman of ICFP. She also was a director of the National Board of Governors of the CFP Board of Standards and has been the chairman of the Board of the College for Financial Planning since 2004. Sharkey serves on the Educational Board of the *Journal of Practical Estate Planning* and is also a member of the Expert's Panel for the American Association of Individual Investors.

Sharkey has been quoted as a planning and investments expert in several magazines including *Money*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Self and Worth*, as well as national newspapers such as *The Wall Street Journal*, *USA TODAY* and *The New York Times*. She has been quoted as one of the best financial planners in the country and *Worth* profiled her as one of the Top 60 Financial Advisors in the U.S.

Sharkey will be recognized for her award at [FPA Anaheim 2009](#), the annual conference of the financial planning community, to be held October 10-13 at the Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim, Calif.