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**Stoker Ostler Wealth Advisors Earns National Recognition Among  
*Inc. 5000 - Fastest Growing Private Companies***

*Wealth Advisory Firm Ranks in the Top 25 Fastest Growing Companies in the Southwest*

**Scottsdale, Ariz. (October 8, 2008)**...Phil Stoker and Creg Ostler, managing partners of Stoker Ostler Wealth Advisors, announced today that the firm has, for the second year in a row, been nationally ranked by the prestigious *Inc.* magazine, as one of the *Inc. 5000 - Fastest Growing Private Companies*.

Since 1982, *Inc.* has been ranking the 500 fastest-growing private companies in America. Last year, *Inc.* expanded the list tenfold, to create the first-ever *Inc. 5,000*. The *Inc. 5000* includes the *Inc. 500* but digs deeper to offer the most comprehensive look ever at the entrepreneurial engine driving the U.S. economy.

"It's always good to hear positive, when the reality of the economy and market is anything but," said Ostler. "It just proves that hard work, commitment to customer service, thorough investing practices and an amazing team, which is the bases for our success, can survive."

The *Inc. 5000* is ranked according to percentage revenue growth from 2004 through 2007. To qualify, companies must have been founded and generating revenue by the first week of 2004, and therefore able to show four full calendar years of sales. Additionally, they have to be U.S.-based, privately held, for profit, and independent -- not subsidiaries or divisions of other companies -- as of December 31, 2007. Revenue in 2004 must have been at least \$200,000, and revenue in 2007 must have been at least \$2 million.

In 2007, *Wealth Manager Magazine* ranked Stoker Ostler among the top 200 wealth management firms in the country, with average assets under management of just over \$1.67M per client. Currently, the firm manages over \$700,000,000 in assets. The firm is also listed in *The Business Journal Book of Lists* as the fourth largest investment advisory firm in Arizona.

In 2008, Stoker Ostler welcomed Kim Bridges, PhD candidate and women's financial expert to the firm. In addition, Michelle Decker, senior financial planner, was elected Partner.

Stoker Ostler is a fee-only wealth management firm that specializes in managing investments and providing financial planning for private individuals and families, small-to-medium sized institutions and non-profit organizations with investment assets of \$500,000 or more. Over its

decade of service, the firm has grown from the original two founders to a firm of 23 employees with locations in Arizona and Utah.

To view the entire 2008 *Inc. 5000* list visit <http://www.inc.com/inc5000/>.

For more information, visit [www.StokerOstler.com](http://www.StokerOstler.com).

### **About Stoker Ostler Wealth Advisors**

Founded in 1997, Stoker Ostler Wealth Advisors, formerly Private Wealth Management, is a fee-only wealth management firm that specializes in managing investments and providing financial planning for private individuals and families, small-to-medium-sized institutions and nonprofit organizations with investment assets greater than \$500,000. In addition, the firm provides reporting, periodic rebalancing and active tax management services for its clients.

As of August 2008, Stoker Ostler manages over \$700,000,000 in total assets. Additional areas of expertise include: retirement planning, 401(k)/IRA distribution and issues related to the death of a spouse, divorce, inheritance and stock options.

The firm's founders, Philip Stoker and Creg Ostler, have more than 50 years of combined experience in wealth management. Stoker Ostler is employee-owned, allowing the company to steer clear of conflicts of interest that can arise when wealth managers are aligned with a product-based financial service company. Stoker Ostler's independence, combined with the long-standing relationships cultivated with other financial professionals, allows the firm to provide successful, unbiased financial guidance, based solely on the needs and expectations of each client.

Stoker Ostler is headquartered in Scottsdale, Ariz. with an additional office in Utah. For more information, call (480) 890-8088 or visit [www.StokerOstler.com](http://www.StokerOstler.com).

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