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NAPFA Announces Leadership Transition and Appoints Spencer Bone Interim CEO

Kathryn Dattomo to conclude her tenure October 3; Board to launch comprehensive search for permanent successor

CHICAGO, IL – September 24, 2026 — The National Association of Personal Financial Advisors (NAPFA) announced today that Kathryn Dattomo, MNA, CAE, CFRE, will conclude her service as Chief Executive Officer on October 3, 2026. The NAPFA Board of Directors has unanimously appointed Spencer Bone, NAPFA's Managing Director of Member Experience, to serve as Interim Chief Executive Officer effective October 3.

Dattomo joined NAPFA as CEO in March 2023 and has led the organization through more than three years of strategic growth and change. During her tenure, NAPFA adopted a new strategic plan, introduced the NAPFA Fiduciary Standard, strengthened key industry partnerships, and invested in modernizing its technology and member experience.

"We are grateful to Kathryn for her leadership and commitment to NAPFA, its members, and the advancement of Fee-Only financial planning," said Michael D. Gibney, Chair of the NAPFA Board of Directors. "Her work has helped position the organization for its next chapter, and we wish her continued success."

Bone joined NAPFA in 2024 and works closely with NAPFA's Board, staff, committees, Regions, and other volunteer leaders to advance the organization's strategic priorities and strengthen the member experience.

Bone brings more than 15 years of association leadership experience to the Interim CEO role. In the role, he will lead NAPFA's staff and oversee the organization's operations, strategic initiatives, member programs, and external relationships.

"Spencer's knowledge of NAPFA, strong relationships throughout the organization, and understanding of the opportunities ahead will provide important continuity during this transition," Gibney said. "The Board has great confidence in his ability to lead the organization, support our members and staff, and maintain momentum on NAPFA's strategic priorities."

"I am honored to have been selected by the Board to lead NAPFA through this transition," Bone said. "During this period, I plan to prioritize stability and continuity while keeping our work moving forward. NAPFA has a vital role in advancing Fee-Only financial planning and demonstrating its value to the public. I look forward to working with our members, volunteers, staff, and strategic partners to build on our momentum and expand NAPFA's influence."

The NAPFA Board of Directors will undertake a comprehensive search for the organization's next full-time CEO. The search will be led by Board Chair-Elect JJ Williams, CFP®. Additional information about the search process and anticipated timeline will be shared as it becomes available.
