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## **ZACHARY ARCHER EARNS 5<sup>TH</sup> IN 2024 TOP DIRECTORS AWARDS: SMALL FIRMS CATEGORY** *Great Plains Investment Services Managing Director Nominated for 3<sup>rd</sup> Year in a Row.*

**Oklahoma City, OK** – Great Plains Investment Services Director, Zachary Archer, was recently named the 5<sup>th</sup> place winner for the 2024 Top Directors Awards: Small Firms Category by the Kehrer Group.

Archer has been a finalist for this award for the last 3 years. Most recently he was awarded 4<sup>th</sup> place in 2022. "Each finalist was considered for the award in one or more category according to our transparent, data-driven evaluation methodology," the Kehrer Group explains. The awards ceremony took place in Chapel Hill, North Carolina on November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

"Zach has been a great asset to our investment team," says Great Plains Bank CEO, Mark Russell. "He's knowledgeable and deeply devoted to his customers and community. He's proven himself to be an extremely capable Financial Advisor and Managing Director in his time at Great Plains Investment Services, and this recognition is well deserved."

Outside of his work, Archer also serves on the Oklahoma State Board of Education and the State Board of Career and Technology Education where he was appointed by Governor Stitt in 2023 and 2024 respectively.

Zachary graduated from Hammon High School before going on to attend Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Zachary and his wife, Sara, enjoy spending time with their two sons, Stinson and Knox.

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