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### **Local Merrill Lynch Financial Advisors Bart Burrell & David McGaughey Named on the 2019 Forbes "Best-in-State Wealth Advisors" List**

**Lafayette, IN** – Merrill Lynch announced today that Financial Advisor Bart Burrell & David McGaughey has been recognized on the 2019 Forbes "Best-in-State Wealth Advisors" list, published on February 20, 2019. In all, 1,019 Merrill Lynch advisors are included on this year's list, the most of any firm.

"We are incredibly proud of Bart Burrell & David McGaughey on being named to the list," said Brooke Thompson, Indiana Market Executive.

We believe Bart & David consistently demonstrates what it means to be a leader in the wealth management space and is dedicated to providing our clients with the highest level of service," said Thompson.

The Forbes "Best-in-State Wealth Advisors" ranking was developed by SHOOK Research and is based on in-person and telephone due diligence meetings to evaluate each advisor qualitatively, a major component of a ranking algorithm that includes: client retention, industry experience, review of compliance records, firm nominations; and quantitative criteria, including: assets under management and revenue generated for their firms. Investment performance is not a criterion because client objectives and risk tolerances vary, and advisors rarely have audited performance reports. Rankings are based on the opinions of SHOOK Research, LLC and not representative nor indicative of any one client's experience, future performance, or investment outcome. Neither Forbes nor SHOOK Research receives compensation in exchange for placement on the ranking.

Burrell & McGaughey resides in West Lafayette & Lafayette, IN and have been a part of Merrill Lynch's Lafayette office for 25 years.

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