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### **Ridgeback Capital Management: 5-Year Winner of Five Star Wealth Manager Award**

HOUSTON (September 2016) – For the fifth consecutive year, consumers, industry peers and a blue ribbon panel of financial experts selected Ridgeback Capital Management (RCM) President Michael Kuznicki to receive recognition among the Five Star Wealth Managers honored for “Overall Satisfaction.” This year, according to the Five Star website, 1,763 Houston wealth managers were considered for the award with 437 (25% of candidates) named 2016 Five Star Wealth Managers.

The Five Star Wealth Manager award, administered by Crescendo Business Services, LLC (dba Five Star Professional), is based on 10 objective criteria:

1. Credentialed as a registered investment adviser or a registered investment adviser representative;
2. Active as a credentialed professional in the financial services industry for a minimum of 5 years;
3. Favorable regulatory and complaint history review
4. Fulfilled their firm review based on internal standards
5. Accepting new clients;
6. One-year client retention rate;
7. Five-year client retention rate;
8. Non-institutional discretionary and/or non-discretionary client assets administered;
9. Number of client households served;
10. Education and professional designations.

“It is very gratifying to be named in this elite group in such a large financial market for five consecutive years,” states Kuznicki, “just for doing what I have always done for my clients by providing sound, comprehensive strategies to help them achieve peak financial performance from their wealth. Ridgeback Capital Management has been operating in the Houston area since 1999. In addition to being a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Kuznicki holds the Personal Financial Specialist (PFS) credential for CPA professionals specializing in estate, tax, retirement, risk management and investment planning.

#### **About Ridgeback Capital Management**

Founded by Michael Kuznicki, Ridgeback Capital Management is located at 6750 West Loop South in Bellaire, Texas. The firm takes an integrated approach to financial planning. RCM helps clients handle life transitions by being financial prepared. For more information, see [www.ridgebackcm.com](http://www.ridgebackcm.com)