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**Barron's Magazine Names Retirement Benefits Group Among Best In Its Industry**  
*Named the No. 5 Advisor Team in the Country for Institutional Consulting*

**San Diego, California – April 30, 2015** – [Retirement Benefits Group](#) in San Diego, CA was recently named a Top Institutional Consultant by Barron's. The leading financial magazine published its inaugural list of 30 teams that are among the best in the nation in guiding institutional investing, including foundations, endowments, pensions and defined-contribution plans. Retirement Benefits Group, recognized as No. 5, is supported by LPL Financial LLC, the nation's largest independent broker-dealer\*, an RIA custodian, and a wholly owned subsidiary of LPL Financial Holdings Inc. (NASDAQ: LPLA). Barron's inaugural ranking of institutional financial advisors can be viewed in full online [here](#).

Barron's evaluated a range of criteria to compile the list, including institutional investment assets overseen by each team, revenue generated by those assets, the number of clients served by the team, the number of team members and their regulatory records as well as advanced professional designations and accomplishments represented on the team.

"On behalf of LPL, I congratulate Retirement Benefits Group on being included in this prestigious list," said David Reich, executive vice president and head of Retirement Partners, LPL Financial. "It has become increasingly important for investors to have guidance in the retirement space, and Retirement Benefits Group does it exceedingly well. We are proud to support them and to help contribute to their ongoing success."

\*Based on total revenues, Financial Planning magazine, June 1996-2014

**About Retirement Benefits Group:**

Retirement Benefits Group is a supportive group of retirement plan consultants with headquarters in Southern California and 17 affiliate offices nationwide. The firm's goal is to provide professional, non-biased guidance to institutional clients and their employees. Retirement Benefits Group specializes in providing customized retirement plan consulting services, executive benefits, wealth management and retirement management services to individuals and companies of all sizes throughout the United States. The firm's team of retirement plan consultants provides risk management strategies for fiduciaries and custom strategies designed to help participants work towards retirement. For more information, please visit [www.rbggrp.com](http://www.rbggrp.com).

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