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**MARY ELLEN CRISP RECEIVES PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION**

Registered Paraplanner<sup>SM</sup> Certificate Awarded Through the College for Financial Planning<sup>®</sup>

**New Bern, NC (December 11, 2007)** – Mary Ellen Crisp, Executive Assistant at D. L. Blain & Co., LLC, a fee-only, independent registered investment advisor providing investment management, financial planning, private equity and realty consulting services, has been awarded the Registered Paraplanner<sup>SM</sup> designation by the College for Financial Planning. The College for Financial Planning is the premier provider of certification and continuing education programs in the fields of finance and financial services.

To receive the Registered Paraplanner<sup>SM</sup> designation, Mrs. Crisp had to meet minimum qualifications in several disciplines including verbal and communication skills, use of financial planning software, the ability to evaluate personal financial situations and related issues, analysis of personal financial documents, and the creation of personal financial statements. Mrs. Crisp demonstrated her mastery of these disciplines by successfully completing the College's Registered Paraplanner<sup>SM</sup> Course and serving a related three month internship at D. L. Blain & Co., LLC.

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D. L. Blain & Co., LLC is a Fee-Only wealth management firm that provides investment management, financial planning, private equity and realty consulting services to high net worth individuals and business owners across the Southeastern United States. The company is the only Fee-Only registered investment advisory firm in Eastern North Carolina.

David L. Blain received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1989 from the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he was a Distinguished Honor graduate and member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. He has been awarded the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation, the only globally recognized credential for investment analysis and management. He is currently a member of the CFA Institute and the National Association of Personal Financial Advisors.