Ronald Blue Trust Names New Managing Directors to Help Ensure Continued Excellence

Appointments spotlight 'commitment to next-generation leadership development' and 'dedication to mission'

ATLANTA – Ronald Blue Trust has promoted three of its leading advisors to managing director roles, to ensure continued excellence as it helps clients make financial decisions in keeping with their faith and values.

Effective Jan. 1, 2018, the appointments at offices in Nashville, Tenn.; Orlando, Fla.; and Seattle were announced by Brian Shepler, president and executive vice president of client services.

"The success we have been able to achieve with and for our clients is rooted in having an experienced team that is deeply familiar with and committed to our values and principles," said Shepler. "These transitions in leadership are a reflection of our commitment to the development of next-generation leadership, with a focus on a long-term perspective and a dedication to the company's mission."

Gary Bell will become managing director in Nashville, taking over from Bruce Williams who established the office there in 1994 and will continue in a senior advisor role. Prior to joining Ronald Blue Trust, where he serves both the private wealth and professional athlete divisions, Bell was a tax specialist for KPMG Peat Marwick LLP.

Zack Fulmer takes over the managing director's position in Orlando, from Jim Wise, who will continue as a senior advisor. A senior advisor in the private wealth and professional athlete divisions, Fulmer previously worked in public accounting for Deloitte & Touche, LLP. As a member of the management committee, he was part of Ronald Blue Trust's recent company transition.

Chris Scotchler assumes the managing director role in Seattle from Joe Helms, who will continue as a senior advisor. A senior advisor in the private wealth division, Scotchler previously worked for Schwab Capital Markets, where he specialized in institutional research sales.

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