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## Michael Williams Passes Level II of the CFA Exam

Hoffman Estates, Illinois – August, 2017 – John E. Chapman, Chief Executive and Chief Investment Strategist for Clearwater Capital Partners, LLC, an independent wealth management firm, announced today that Michael Williams, AWMA<sup>SM</sup> has passed Level II of the CFA Exam. On June 3, he along with approximately 50,000 other candidates sat for Level II of the test with only 47% passing. While level I tests the knowledge of candidates in regards to ethics and professional standards, level II "tests how you apply those standards to situations analysts face" (CFAinstitute.org).

Michael graduated with honors from Taylor University with a Bachelor of Science in Finance, a Bachelor of Science in Accounting, and a minor in Mathematics. Since graduating in May of 2015, Michael has continued to push himself and technical abilities, most recently by sitting for the CFA Level II Exam.

"In my preparation for this test I took a similar route as last year for Level I, but started much earlier so I would be able to put more time into this test as Level II is generally considered to be the most difficult" - Michael Williams

James Chapman, Wealth advisor and Chief Innovation Officer at Clearwater Capital said "As another younger member of the team we are very proud of Michael's progress and discipline in regards to his CFA exams. He approaches it with such a level of preparedness it is no wonder he has conquered this next milestone."

With one more Level to go, Michael will continue towards earning the CFA Charter. Accordingly, Michael plans on taking Level III in June 2018.

## About the CFA credential

The Chartered Financial Analyst® (CFA®) credential is one of the most respected and recognized investment designations in the world. The curriculum covers academic theory, current industry practice, and ethical and professional standards to provide a strong foundation of advanced investment analysis and real-world portfolio management skill. A work experience requirement and an annual attestation to ethics ensure career-long professional excellence by those who have earned the charter.

## **About Clearwater Capital Partners, LLC**

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