

## **Premier Private Wealth®, a division of LWBJ Financial, adds NFL/NBA athletes to client roster.**

**Des Moines, IA (January 27, 2009)** – Premier Private Wealth® (“Premier”), a division of LWBJ Financial, is announcing the addition of several top-ranked basketball and football professional athletes to the Premier family. NBA players Michael Finley and Reggie Evans, along with NFL veterans Mark Brunell and Abdul Hodge, have joined an elite group of athletes whom rely on Premier for their family office needs.

“This is an exciting growth time for Premier as we continue to expand our current professional athlete client base. It’s a strong sign that our services and staff continue to bring value to clients,” commented Ben Renzo, Senior Partner of LWBJ Financial. “The signing of each of these athletes will put us in a position to reach additional top tier athletes and also provides LWBJ Financial a greater national presence. We feel these athletes’ commitment to Premier will resonate well with our existing client base.”

“In order to be a successful professional athlete these days it's not enough to just play well on the basketball court, you really have to make very serious life-impacting decisions. The Premier team supports and guides my family and I so I can stay determined and focused on my game,” Reggie Evans, client and Philadelphia 76ers Power Forward.

### **About Athletes:**

#### **Michael Finley, Guard/Forward, San Antonio Spurs**

Former NBA All-Star Michael Finley has brought his veteran leadership in the Spurs annual quest for a World Championship. To date, Finley’s 9.7 points-per-game has propelled the San Antonio Spurs to a 29-14 record, which ranks second best in the Western Conference behind the Los Angeles Lakers. Michael Finley throughout his career has been an explosive offensive player; his (15 year) career averages...16.5 points-per-game, 4.6 rebounds-per-game, 3.2 assists-per-game.

Finley’s career highlights:

- Attended the University of Wisconsin
- 2007 NBA World Champion – (After the game his San Antonio Spurs teammates awarded Michael Finley the game ball)
- Two time NBA All-Star
- The Phoenix Suns Drafted Finley 21<sup>st</sup> overall in the 1995 NBA Draft
- 1995-1996 NBA All Rookie First Team
- Finley’s (2007-2008) salary of \$21,696,750 was second behind Kevin Garnett’s league leading salary of \$23,750,000

### **Reggie Evans, Forward, Philadelphia 76ers**

Reggie Evans is a 7-year NBA Veteran. During the 2004-2005 season Reggie Evans led the NBA in rebounds-per-minute-played. In 2007-2008 Evans was the starting Power Forward for the Philadelphia 76ers. In the 2008 NBA Playoffs, Reggie averaged 6.8 points-per-game, including 7.8 rebounds per game. Evans has averaged 6.9 rebounds-per-game in 22 post season Playoff appearances. In 2006 Evans signed a 5-year \$22 million contract.

Evans career highlights:

- Attended the University of Iowa
- 2001 Big Ten Tournament MVP
- 2001, 2002 lead the Big Ten in rebounds
- 2001 lead the nation in free throws attempted, free throws made, and double doubles

### **Mark Brunell, Quarterback, New Orleans Saints**

In 2008 Mark Brunell completed his 16<sup>th</sup> season with the New Orleans Saints. While in Jacksonville, Brunell lead his team to the AFC Central Division Title, the Jaguars became the first NFL Expansion Team to make the Playoffs three times in its first four seasons. Brunell was a three time Pro-Bowl selection in 1997, 1998, and 2000. He was awarded the Pro-Bowl MVP in 1997.

Brunell career highlights:

- Attended University of Washington
- Three time Pro Bowl Selection 1997, 1998, 2000
- Pro Bowl MVP 1997

### **Abdul Hodge, Linebacker, Cincinnati Bengals**

Hodge, a 4<sup>th</sup> year pro, signed with the Cincinnati Bengals in 2008. In 2006 Abdul played in eight games for the Packers.

Hodge career highlights:

- Attended the University of Iowa
- First team All Big Ten 2003 and 2004
- Ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in career tackles (453) at the University of Iowa
- 2006 Outback Bowl record 19 tackles

### **Ken Dorsey, Quarterback, Cleveland Browns**

Dorsey is entering his 7<sup>th</sup> year as a NFL Veteran. In 2003, Dorsey was drafted by the San Francisco 49ers. In 2006, Dorsey was traded to the Cleveland Browns. In 2007, the Cleveland Browns signed Dorsey to a 3 year extension through 2010.

Dorsey career highlights:

- Attended University of Miami
- Heisman Trophy Award Finalist 2001, 2002
- 2001 Maxwell Award Winner
- 2001, 2002 Offensive Player of the Year
- 2001, 2002, 2003 First Team All-Big East

### **Marques Tuiaosopo, Quarterback, Oakland Raiders**

Marques Tuiaosopo is an 8 year NFL veteran quarterback with the Oakland Raiders. In 2007 Marques signed a one year deal with the New York Jets. A free agent in the 2008 offseason, Tuiaosopo re-signed with the Raiders completing his second stint in Oakland.

Tuiaosopo career highlights:

- Attended the University of Washington
- 2001 Rose Bowl MVP
- 2001 Oakland Raiders drafted Marques in the Second Round

**LWBJ's Premier Private Wealth® Division** provides sophisticated family office services to professional athletes, entertainers, and high net worth families by managing estate and tax planning, business consulting, accounting, bookkeeping, private foundation management, insurance consulting, risk management services and other comprehensive wealth planning needs.

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