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Todd Barden is ESOP Total Rewards Director and Financial Wellness Innovator working closely with Plan Sponsors to help American workers retire with dignity since 1990. “Helping people retire successfully is not just a job for me, but a passion. When employees are better prepared for retirement, I believe everyone wins: your company, your employees, and society”.

Todd has earned the significant industry designations of Certified 401(k) Professional (C(k)P® and Certified Financial Planner (CFP®). The C(k)P® designation represents the pinnacle of achievement for professional retirement advisors. Todd received the C(k)P® designation through the Retirement Advisor University (TRAU) in collaboration with UCLA Anderson School of Management’s Executive Education Program. Todd utilizes behavioral finance principles with assisting plan sponsors in their efforts to improve participant outcomes. Todd is an Adjunct Lecturer for The Plan Sponsor University (TPSU) leading interactive retirement plan fiduciary and management education. Todd attended Harvard Law School Negotiation Program to better assist Plan Sponsors with Due Diligence. Todd is a frequent national speaker on financial wellness for events hosted by National Wellness Institute (NWI), WICPA (Wisconsin Certified Public Accountants), WISHRM (Wisconsin Society of Human Resource Management), WELCOA, and Institutional Investor. Current member of TEA (The ESOP Association), NCEO (National Center for Employee Owned), National Association of Stock Plan Professionals, and Employee Stock Ownership Plans (ESOP) leading Total Rewards Communications for employee owned firms.

Wellness is a lifestyle for Todd having competed Boston/Chicago/NYC marathons, Ironman World Championship Triathlon finisher, Biz Times Fittest CEO winner, and past professional Muay Thai kickboxer in Bangla Stadium Thailand.

Todd was recognized as one of the “Top 401 Retirement Advisors” by the Financial Times¹ in May of 2015.

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