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The 2005 Annual Meeting in New Orleans was as exciting as the city in which it was held. This year MDRT members were encouraged to bring a guest. This was an opportunity to expose non-members to MDRT. Over 9,000 members and guests attended the meeting.

The theme, “synergize!” aptly symbolized the energy that was created when the motivational stories, educational sessions, experienced colleagues, networking opportunities all came together.

The MDRT members who worked so hard to develop the outstanding program were Vice President of the Annual Meeting Programs Division, Mitchell W. Ostrove and his chairs Jo Ann Favia, Mark S. Jones and Richard Sawyer. Annual Meeting Program General Arrangements Division Vice President Ventry J. Plummer, his chairs Frank W. Andreoli, Sally W. Munford and John L. Thomas and the hundreds of PGA volunteers made the meeting run so smoothly. A sincere thank you to all.

Adelia C. Chung, CLU, ChFC
President, 2005 MDRT

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2005 Executive Committee



Adelia C. Chung, CLU, ChFC, President, Honolulu, Hawaii, is a 23-year MDRT member with seven Court of the Table and seven Top of the Table qualifications. A former Top of the Table Advisory Board member, she has twice served as a Divisional Vice President and has been a Chair or member of 22 MDRT committees. A Platinum Knight of the MDRT Foundation, she is a Steward participant and, in 1999, served as MDRT Foundation President. A member of numerous industry organizations, she is a past president of the East Honolulu Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors and past president of the Hawaii Chapter CLU/ChFC. Her civic involvement includes founding the Alana Dung Research Foundation and work with the Ronald McDonald House, YMCA and the Kapiolani Health Foundation.



George B. Pickett, J.D., CLU, Immediate Past President, Jackson, Mississippi, is a 35-year MDRT member with three Court of the Table and two Top of the Table honors. A three-time Divisional Vice President, he has served as a Chair and member of 54 MDRT committees and task forces. In addition, he is an Excalibur Knight and Steward of the MDRT Foundation. In the industry, he has served as president of the Jackson Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors, the Mississippi chapter of the Society of Financial Service Professionals, and as state legislation chair of the Mississippi Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors. Active in his community, he is a past chair of the Millsaps College Annual Fund and past chair of his church's board of stewards. He also is a past president of the National Kidney Foundation of Mississippi and a past executive committee member of the National Kidney Foundation Inc.



Stephen O. Rothschild, CLU, ChFC, First Vice President, St. Louis, Missouri, is a 31-year MDRT member with eight Court of the Table and three Top of the Table distinctions. A three-time Divisional Vice President, he has been a Chair and member of 31 MDRT committees and task forces. Rothschild is an MDRT Foundation Platinum Knight and a Gift of Life Insurance Program participant. He is a past president of the St. Louis International Association of Insurance and Financial Planners and the Estate Planning Council of St. Louis. He is a past board member of the Association for Advanced Life Underwriting and is currently a member of the editorial advisory board of *Trusts and Estates* magazine. In his community, he is a former board member of the Life Skills Foundation, Jewish Community Center and the Delcrest Senior Citizens Home.



Philip E. Harriman, CLU, ChFC, Second Vice President, Falmouth, Maine, is a 23-year member of the Round Table and has four Court of the Table and six Top of the Table qualifications. He has served three times as a Divisional Vice President and 23 times as a committee Chair or member. He also is a Gold Knight of the MDRT Foundation. Harriman is a member of the Association for Advanced Life Underwriting and the National Association of Securities Dealers. He is a past executive committee member of the Maine Estate Planning Council and was the 2000 recipient of the J. Putnam Stevens Award for his outstanding contributions to the life insurance profession. His civic involvement includes four terms (1992–2000) representing the 23rd District in the Maine Senate and serving on numerous community boards.



James E. Rogers, CLU, CFP, Secretary, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, is a 32-year MDRT member with 23 Top of the Table honors. Currently serving as Chair of the Leadership Committee, he is a two-time Divisional Vice President and has served as a Chair or member of 13 other MDRT committees and task forces. He is a Silver Knight of the MDRT Foundation and a Platinum Knight of the Canadian MDRT Foundation. Rogers was 2000 and 2001 chair of the Canadian Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors and earned *Advisor's Edge* magazine's 2001 Career Achievement Award. He also served as chair of the Regulatory Committee of the Financial Planners Standards Council. In his community, Rogers serves on the University of British Columbia Senate.