

Rick Kahler, MSFP, ChFC, CFP®

Biographical Data

Rick Kahler, MSFP, ChFC, CCIM, president of [Kahler Financial Group](#), is a life-long resident of Rapid City, South Dakota. He began his professional career in 1973 selling and appraising real estate. He founded Kahler Financial Group in 1981 and became the first fee-only Certified Financial Planner™ (CFP®) in South Dakota in 1983.

He is co-author of four revolutionary books on the psychology of money: *Conscious Finance* (FoxCraft, Inc., Second Edition 2007), *The Financial Wisdom of Ebenezer Scrooge* (HCI, 2006), *Facilitating Financial Health* (NUCO, 2008) and *Wired For Wealth* (HCI 2009).

His work, as the co-founder of Onsite's Healing Money Issues workshop, was featured in Wynonna Judd's book *Coming Home To Myself*, (New American Library, 2005). *The Wall Street Journal* hailed this work as "an innovative effort that combines experiential therapy with nuts-and-bolts financial planning."

Rick has served on several national boards and is currently a founding board member and Chair of the *Financial Therapy Association*, and is a past director of the *National Association of Personal Financial Advisors* Midwest Board.

In 2009, *BusinessWeek* named him one of the top 15 most experienced planners in the nation. In 2009, he was recognized by *Wealth Manager* magazine as the largest financial planning firm in a seven-state region. In 2012 *InvestmentNews* named him one of the top 15 financial advisors to follow on Twitter.

His firm, specializing in the integration of financial coaching, counseling, and traditional financial planning, attracts a nationwide clientele. Rick specializes in investment advising and financial planning services for business owners, professionals, and retirees.

Rick graduated from the American College, Bryn Mawr, PA, in 1988, earning the Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC) degree. In 1984, he was admitted to the Registry of Financial Planning Practitioners by the International Association of Financial Planners. He obtained his master's degree in personal financial planning in 1999. He is on the faculty at Golden Gate University where he teaches their [Facilitating Financial Health](#) graduate course.

He served on and chaired the South Dakota Investment Council (managing \$6 billion) and served nationally in several leadership capacities with the Financial Planning Association. Kahler is also a nationally renowned speaker and educator. In 2003, National American University Mr. Kahler recognized by with the Alumni Distinguished Service Award.

He has been published or cited in *USA Today*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Forbes*, *Money*, *CNBC.com*, *Smart Money*, *Kiplinger's*, *Parenting*, *Self*, *Redbook*, *Men's Health*, *MarketWatch*, *Journal of Financial Planning*, *Financial Planning*, *Investment Advisor*, *Wealth Manager Magazine*, *Reuters Money*, *TheStreet.com*, *AARP*, and *Counselor Magazine*.



Specialties

- ◆ *Financial Therapy*
- ◆ *Financial Planning*
- ◆ *Asset Protection*
- ◆ *Real Estate*
- ◆ *Small Businesses*
- ◆ *Investment Management*
- ◆ *Speaking and Training*

Memberships

- ◆ *Financial Therapy Association (FTA)*
- ◆ *Financial Planning Association (FPA)*
- ◆ *Certified Commercial Investment Member*
- ◆ *National Association of Personal Financial Advisors (NAPFA)*
- ◆ *National Group Psychotherapists Association (AGPA)*

References

- ◆ *NAPFA*
- ◆ *FPA*
- ◆ *AGPA*

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