

# Local financial professional receives new certifications

George Cheatham, resident and former Mayor of Greensburg, recently completed the Certified Financial Fiduciary® (CFF) and Bucket Plan® Best Interest Planning certifications.

Cheatham is a financial professional with 30 years of experience in the securities industry. Based out of Columbia, Kentucky, he said the recent certifications signify his renewed commitment to serving the financial planning needs of the area.

"I'm just looking forward to reintroducing my practice, having served as Mayor for 16 years," Cheatham said. "While I've served my existing clients and taken some referrals, I can't wait to begin meeting new clients



Photo Submitted

George Cheatham

and focusing on growing my practice."

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The CFF designation indicates that

Cheatham agrees to uphold the highest moral, ethical and fiduciary standards of service when providing advice as a financial professional. The requirements for becoming a CFF include—among others—rigorous training, passage of a certification exam with a score of 75% or better, and passage of a full background check with good standing in all state and federal license requirements.

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As more filing measures move to digital platforms, SB 4 establishes an organized and efficient way to report campaign finances.

The Senate passed Senate Bill 6 which would require disclosure of executive agency lobbyist compensation. It would also prohibit compensation contingent on awarding of a government contract. Supporters said SB 6 would provide oversight, in part, by requiring executive branch lobbyists to register and list their clients. That's already required of legislative lobbyists. SB 6 passed by a 36-0 vote and is being considered in the House.

Additionally, two bills that I sponsored passed out of the Senate this week. Senate Bill 175 revises KRS language that will assist the Kentucky Board of Education in developing regulations that more accurately align with the original

intent of the 2017 SB1 School Reform bill. Senate Bill 155 would make the "abuse of a corpse" a class D felony in all circumstances.

Lastly, we passed a pro-life bill commonly known as the Born Alive Infant Protection Act. Senate Bill 227, sponsored by Senator Whitney Westerfield, requires that medical

professionals take all appropriate steps necessary to preserve the life and health of an infant who is born alive after a failed abortion. This commonsense bill is another legislative stride to protect life here in Kentucky.

Thank you for your continued feedback and support. It is an honor to represent you in Frankfort, and I look forward to continued discussion on a number of issues

facing our district and the Commonwealth.

If you have any questions or comments about these issues or any other public policy issue, please contact me toll-free at 1-800-372-7181 or email me at [david.givens@lrc.ky.gov](mailto:david.givens@lrc.ky.gov). You can also review the Legislature's work online at [www.legislature.ky.gov](http://www.legislature.ky.gov).

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