

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
**For further information, contact:**  
Jenny Meassick 781.366.5160  
Jenny.meassick@nm.com

**Northwestern Mutual Welcomes Heather Stonebarger to Socium Advisors**  
*Heather Stonebarger joins Socium Advisors, dedicated to the Veteran's Market*

**Saint Louis, MO – February 29, 2024** Northwestern Mutual, a leading financial services company, is proud to announce that Heather Stonebarger has joined Saint Louis-based Socium Advisors. Heather officially became a part of Socium Advisors on January 29th and is entrusted with overseeing clients' financial planning needs and requirements. With this dynamic team addition, Socium will further enhance its dedication, support and planning strategies for veteran communities across the nation.

"We are thrilled to have Heather join the team at Socium. Not only does her planning expertise continue to serve the best needs of our clients, but we are also proud to watch her actively serve our country." said Scott Underwood, Founder and CEO of Socium Advisors.

Heather has been with Northwestern Mutual serving clients for four years. Heather specializes in military retirement transitions and DoD retirements. She has served 8 years on Active-Duty Air Force as an Aircraft Structural Maintenance Craftsman before transferring to the Air National Guard where she has been serving for the last 7 years as the Wing Commander Support Staff (CSS), 126<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing, Scott AFB IL. She has also held roles in the DoD as part of the AMC Inspector General Executive Staff.

"I am thrilled to be joining Socium at the forefront of the industry, where I can make a meaningful impact. Socium not only provides top-tier service platforms for clients, but also aligns with the core values that I hold close to my heart." said Stonebarger "I am eagerly anticipating the journey that lies ahead for both myself and our clients."

Socium Advisors is one of the largest investment management practices at Northwestern and manages more than \$1.7 billion in assets with offices in St. Louis, MO, Fayetteville, AR, and McLean, VA, outside Washington, D.C.

For more information about Northwestern Mutual, visit <http://www.northwesternmutual.com/> or visit the [Socium Advisors](#)' website for more info on the firm.

### **About Northwestern Mutual**

Northwestern Mutual has been helping people and businesses achieve financial security for more than 165 years. Through a comprehensive planning approach, Northwestern Mutual combines the expertise of its financial professionals with a personalized digital experience and industry-leading products to help its clients plan for what's most important. With more than \$558 billion of total assets being managed across the company's institutional portfolio as well as retail investment client portfolios, nearly \$35 billion in revenues, and \$2.2 trillion worth of life insurance protection in force, Northwestern Mutual delivers financial security to more than five million people with life,

disability income and long-term care insurance, annuities, and brokerage and advisory services. Northwestern Mutual ranked 111 on the 2023 FORTUNE 500.

Northwestern Mutual is the marketing name for The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company (NM), Milwaukee, WI (life and disability insurance, annuities, and life insurance with long-term care benefits) and its subsidiaries. Subsidiaries include **Northwestern Mutual Investment Services, LLC (NMIS)** (investment brokerage services), broker-dealer, registered investment adviser, member FINRA and SIPC; the Northwestern Mutual Wealth Management Company® (NMWMC) (investment advisory and services), federal savings bank; and Northwestern Long Term Care Insurance Company (NLTC) (long-term care insurance). **Not all Northwestern Mutual representatives are advisors. Only those representatives with "Advisor" in their title or who otherwise disclose their status as an advisor of NMWMC are credentialed as NMWMC representatives to provide investment advisory services.**

#### **About Socium Advisors: Socium (n) – partner, ally**

At Socium, we derive our name from what we care about the most: building genuine partnership. To us, this extends far beyond meetings or business transactions. From outcome-based planning to sufficient risk protection, to long-term goal funding, we're passionate about paving the way to prosperous futures for our clients and mutual accountability along the way. Together, our in-house team and network of national affiliates combine decades of industry experience with a diverse set of skills to ensure that the ways we serve our clients reflect their intentions, input, and needs. Our comprehensive approach focuses on seven interconnected components, all of which are vital to a complete financial blueprint. This approach allows our clients to have the best experience in every area from one cohesive source. Socium Advisors is recognized as an industry leader having been named Barron's "Top 1200 Financial Advisors" in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022. Barron's "Top 1,200 Financial Advisors" list (March 2023, March 2022, March 2021, March 2020), based upon data as of September 30th of the preceding year. Northwestern Mutual and its advisors do not pay for placement on 3rd party rating lists but do pay marketing fees to these organizations to promote the rating(s). Rankings and recognitions are no guarantee of future investment success.