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# A Debate on the DOL Fiduciary Rule

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# No surprise. Rule opponents' fail to offer any reason to ignore commonsense. They embarrass themselves trying.

- Rule opponents push unfounded assertions that "fiduciary" limits advice and reduces product choices.
- Rule opponents brand themselves Mary Poppins, DOL Mr. Banks





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- Rule opponents acknowledge their own argument is false. Telling the Northern District Court in Texas their own reps "sell", and do not "advise."
- 2. This is an astonishing refutation. The law cannot limit access to a service that reps and agents don't offer.



## **AP** VIEWPOINT

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### DOL Rule Will **NOT** Limit Smaller Investors' Access to Advice

- 1. Regardless what opponents say, access to advice and guidance is expanding.
- 2. New technologies and delivery methods are greatly expanding services.
- Just ask Ed Jones, LPL, Vanguard, Schwab, Wealthfront or Betterment, for starters.



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Will there be fewer product choices? If so, will fewer choices harm investors?

Many BDs and insurance firms are complying with the DOL and boasting a broad product selection.



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# Reduced Product Choices Will NOT Harm Investors!

What's more, <u>evidence</u> suggests quite the opposite. Indeed, less can be more.

LPL limiting its funding offering is a "better ecosystem for the investor."

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Mark Casady, Former LPL Financial CEO

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## **DOL Rule Restores Common Sense**





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