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TEXAS RANGERS TOP PICK MARK TEIXEIRA SELECTS GEIER FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT FOR HIS FINANCIAL REPRESENTATION

Severna Park, Maryland native was the fifth pick in June's baseball draft.

Marriottsville, Maryland, February 20, 2002 – Mark Teixeira, the fifth pick in the 2001 Major League Baseball draft, has retained Joseph N. Geier, C.P.A., of Geier Financial Management in Marriottsville, Maryland for his financial representation. Geier's sports practice specializes in the unique financial needs of professional athletes including money management, tax consultation, as well as advice on other business matters.

A native of Severna Park, Maryland, Teixeira is considered one of the greatest switch-hitters in college baseball. He hit .409 with 36 homers and 165 RBI's in 140 games over three seasons at Georgia Tech. The third baseman was the consensus NCAA, *Baseball America* and *The Sporting News* national college player of the year in 2000 when he hit .427 with 18 homers and 80 RBI's.

Teixeira spent last summer with the U.S. national team, which went 27-3-1. He led the team in five offensive categories: average (.385), runs (26), hits (46), runs batted in (23) and total bases (70). The USA Baseball 1997 Amateur Junior Player of the Year for the state of Maryland and Maryland Player of the Year by *USA Today*, Teixeira graduated from Mount St. Joseph High School in Baltimore, Maryland.

"We are thrilled to have the opportunity to work with a young man of Mark's character and ability," said Geier. "Mark is going to experience some extraordinary financial demands as a professional athlete. As his financial and business advisor, our efforts are to protect and preserve Mark's financial security so he is better able to concentrate on his baseball career."

GEIER FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT specializes in the unique financial needs of professional athletes including money management, tax consultation, as well as advice on other business matters. In addition to Teixeira, Geier Financial Management clients include Steve Finley (Arizona Diamondbacks), Reggie Sanders (San Francisco Giants), Brady Anderson (Cleveland Indians), Jerry Hairston (Baltimore Orioles), David Segui (Baltimore Orioles), Jason Johnson (Baltimore Orioles), Armando Benitez (New York Mets), John VanderWal (New York Yankees), Eric Young (Milwaukee Brewers) and Shane Reynolds (Houston Astros).

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