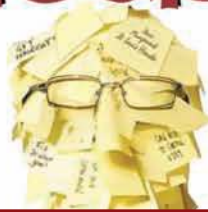


Best Places to Work



Benjamin F. Edwards & Co.

Benjamin "Tad" Edwards IV, CEO and president

We care 100 percent about all of our people's work performance and productivity, but at the same time we care 100 percent about them as human beings. I think that is very special and meaningful to our people, because we want to be a place where people want to be.

We want to appeal to a lot of people, and I think also everybody trusts everybody here. It's all built on trust. It's built on mutual respect. It's all about teams working together, and it's about having fun. That's the culture that we foster here.

We have regular meetings, but I will say we don't have too many meetings. We really don't want a lot of bureaucracy and red tape. We have found over the years that it's hard to really give great service to clients and to our people if we're locked in rooms in meetings too often.



BRIAN CASSIDY

Employee perk

- The company focuses on culture and creating relationships with employees. CEO Tad Edwards meets with all prospective new hires and makes a point of walking the home office floor every day to visit with employees.

Where they are: Clayton

What they do: Financial services

Website: www.benjaminfedwardsco.com

Number of employees: 55

2010 revenue: Does not disclose