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**FORM ADV PART 2A  
BROCHURE**

**This brochure provides information about the qualifications and business practices of Vest Assured, Inc. If you have any questions about the contents of this brochure, please contact us at (516) 678-1927. The information in this brochure has not been approved or verified by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission or by any state securities authority.**

**Additional information about Vest Assured, Inc. is also available on the SEC's website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov). The searchable IARD/CRD number for Vest Assured, Inc is 137390.**

**Vest Assured, Inc. is a Registered Investment Adviser. Registration with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission or any state securities authority does not imply a certain level of skill or training.**

## Item 2 Material Changes

Form ADV Part 2 requires registered investment advisers to amend their brochure when information becomes materially inaccurate. If there are any material changes to an adviser's disclosure brochure, the adviser is required to notify you and provide you with a description of the material changes.

Generally, Vest Assured, Inc. will notify clients of material changes on an annual basis. However, where we determine that an interim notification is either meaningful or required, we will notify our clients promptly. In either case, we will notify our clients in a separate document.

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## Item 4 Advisory Business

### Description of Services and Fees

Vest Assured, Inc. is a registered investment adviser based in Jupiter, Florida. We are organized as a corporation under the laws of the State of New York. We have been providing investment advisory services since 1988. We provide wealth management services by incorporating investment portfolio management, financial planning, and other aggregated financial services. Michael T. Pagano, President/Chief Compliance Officer, is our principal owner.

Currently, we offer the following investment advisory services, which are personalized to each individual client:

- **Portfolio Management Services**
- **Financial Planning Services**

As used in this brochure, the words "we", "our" and "us" refer to 'Vest Assured, Inc.' and the words "you", "your" and "client" refer to you as either a client or prospective client of our firm. Also, you may see the term Associated Person throughout this Brochure. As used in this Brochure, our Associated Persons are our firm's officers, employees, and all individuals providing investment advice on behalf of our firm. Individuals providing advice to you are appropriately licensed, qualified, and authorized to provide advisory services on behalf of our firm. Such individuals are known as Investment Adviser Representatives (IARs).

The following paragraphs describe our services and fees. Please refer to the description of each investment advisory service listed below for information on how we tailor our advisory services to your individual needs.

### Financial Planning Services

We offer consultative financial planning services. Financial planning will typically involve providing a variety of advisory services to clients regarding the management of their financial resources based upon an analysis of their individual needs. If you retain our firm for financial planning services, one of our IARs will meet with you during the initial complimentary consultation to gather information about your financial circumstances and objectives. Once such information has been reviewed and analyzed, a written financial plan - designed to achieve the client's stated financial goals and objectives - will be produced and presented to you.

The primary objective of this process is to allow us to assist you in developing a strategy for the successful management of income, assets, and liabilities in meeting your financial goals and objectives.

Financial plans are based on your financial situation at the time the plan is presented and are based on financial information you disclose to us. Clients are advised that certain assumptions may be made with respect to interest and inflation rates and the use of past trends and performance of the market and economy. Past performance is in no way an indication of future performance. We cannot offer any guarantees or promises that your financial goals and objectives will be met. As your financial situation, goals, objectives, or needs change, you must notify us promptly.

In limited circumstances, some clients may only require advice on a single aspect of the management of their financial resources. For these clients, we offer financial plans in a modular format and/or general consulting services that address only those specific areas of interest or concern.

You are under no obligation to act on our financial planning recommendations. Should you choose to act on any of our recommendations, you are not obligated to implement the financial plan through any of our other investment advisory services. Moreover, you may act on our recommendations by placing securities transactions with any brokerage firm.

We charge an hourly fee of \$225 for financial planning services, which is negotiable depending on the scope and complexity of the plan, your situation, and your financial objectives. An estimate of the total time/cost will be determined at the start of the advisory relationship. In limited circumstances, the cost/time could potentially exceed the initial estimate. In such cases, we will notify you and request that you approve the additional fee.

Fees are due upon completion of services rendered. You may terminate the financial planning agreement by providing a 15 day written notice to our firm. You will incur a pro rata charge for services rendered prior to the termination of the agreement. Refunds are not applicable as fees are paid in arrears.

### **Portfolio Management Services**

We offer discretionary portfolio management services. Our investment advice is tailored to meet our clients' needs and investment objectives. If you retain our firm for portfolio management services, we will meet with you to determine your investment objectives, risk tolerance, and other relevant information (the "suitability information") at the beginning of our advisory relationship. We will use the suitability information we gather to develop a strategy that enables our firm to give you continuous and focused investment advice and/or to make investments on your behalf. As part of our portfolio management services, we may customize an investment portfolio for you in accordance with your risk tolerance and investing objectives. Once we construct an investment portfolio for you, we will monitor your portfolio's performance on an ongoing basis, and will rebalance the portfolio as required by changes in market conditions and in your financial circumstances.

If you participate in our discretionary portfolio management services, we require you to grant our firm discretionary authority to manage your account. Discretionary authorization will allow our firm to determine the specific securities, and the amount of securities, to be purchased or sold for your account without your approval prior to each transaction. Discretionary authority is typically granted by the investment advisory agreement you sign with our firm, a power of attorney, or trading authorization forms. You may limit our discretionary authority (for example, limiting the types of securities that can be purchased for your account) by providing our firm with your restrictions and guidelines in writing.

Our fee for portfolio management services is based on a percentage of your assets we manage and is set forth in the following fee schedule:

<b>Assets Under Management</b>	<b>Annual Fee</b>
\$250,000 - \$500,000	1.25%
\$500,001 and above	1.00%

Our annual portfolio management fee may be billed monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually in arrears, based on the value of your account on the last day of the period.

If the portfolio management agreement is executed at any time other than the first day of a calendar quarter, our fees will apply on a pro rata basis, which means that the advisory fee is payable in proportion to the number of days in the quarter for which you are a client. Our advisory fee is negotiable, depending on individual client circumstances.

At our discretion, we may combine the account values of family members living in the same household to determine the applicable advisory fee. For example, we may combine account values for you and your minor children, joint accounts with your spouse, and other types of related accounts. Combining account values may increase the asset total, which may result in your paying a reduced advisory fee based on the available breakpoints in our fee schedule stated above.

We will deduct our fee directly from your account through the qualified custodian holding your funds and securities. We will deduct our advisory fee only when the following requirements are met:

- You provide our firm with written authorization permitting the fees to be paid directly from your account held by the qualified custodian.
- We send you an invoice showing the amount of the fee, the value of the assets on which the fee is based, and the specific manner in which the fee was calculated.
- The qualified custodian agrees to send you a statement, at least quarterly, indicating all amounts dispersed from your account including the amount of the advisory fee paid directly to our firm.

We encourage you to reconcile our invoices with the statement(s) you receive from the qualified custodian.

You may terminate the portfolio management agreement upon 15-days' written notice to our firm. You will incur a pro rata charge for services rendered prior to the termination of the portfolio management agreement, which means you will incur advisory fees only in proportion to the number of days in the quarter for which you are a client.

### **Wrap Fee Accounts**

We do not offer wrap fee accounts.

### **Types of Investments**

We offer advice on equity securities, warrants, corporate debt securities, commercial paper, certificates of deposit, municipal securities, investment company securities, US Government securities, and interest in partnerships investing in real estate, oil and gas interests.

Additionally, we may advise you on any type of investment that we deem appropriate based on your stated goals and objectives. We may also provide advice on any type of investment held in your portfolio at the inception of our advisory relationship.

### **Assets Under Management**

As of February 2, 2013 we manage \$45,220,000 in client assets on a discretionary basis, and no assets on a non-discretionary basis.

## **Item 5 Fees and Compensation**

Please refer to the "Advisory Business" section in this Brochure for information on our advisory fees, fee deduction arrangements, and refund policy according to each service we offer.

## Item 6 Performance-Based Fees and Side-By-Side Management

We do not accept performance-based fees or participate in side-by-side management. Side-by-side management refers to the practice of managing accounts that are charged performance-based fees while at the same time managing accounts that are not charged performance-based fees. Performance-based fees are fees that are based on a share of capital gains or capital appreciation of a client's account. Our fees are calculated as described in the *Advisory Business* section above, and are not charged on the basis of a share of capital gains upon, or capital appreciation of, the funds in your advisory account.

## Item 7 Types of Clients

We offer investment advisory services to individuals, pension and profit sharing plans, trusts, estates, charitable organizations, corporations, and other business entities.

In general, we require a minimum of \$500,000 to open and maintain an advisory account. At our discretion, we may waive or lower this minimum account size. For example, we may waive the minimum if you appear to have significant potential for increasing your assets under our management. We may also combine account values for you and your minor children, joint accounts with your spouse, and other types of related accounts to meet the stated minimum.

## Item 8 Methods of Analysis, Investment Strategies and Risk of Loss

Our investment strategies and advice may vary depending upon each client's specific financial situation. As such, we determine investments and allocations based upon your predefined objectives, risk tolerance, time horizon, financial horizon, financial information, liquidity needs, and other various suitability factors. Your restrictions and guidelines may affect the composition of your portfolio.

### Methods of Analysis and Associated Risks

We primarily employ Fundamental analysis, which involves reviewing a company's current financial condition, its line of businesses, its competitive strength, and its prospects for future growth. We use numerous sources to obtain financial information and assessments of the financial information. We evaluate all of the information and use our judgment to determine if the company meets our criteria for investment. The material risks involve both macro and micro economic factors. The near collapse of the financial infrastructure would be an example of an unknown macro economic event that would affect all companies. An unknown micro economic event could affect the financial performance of a company and impact the previous analysis thereof. Part of the risk of investing in securities involves the unknown and the unpredictable, and this must be taken into consideration when structuring a portfolio and determining the appropriate level of risk for each client.

Based upon your risk tolerance and financial objectives, we may employ one or more of the following investment strategies:

- Long Term Purchases - securities purchased with the expectation that the value of those securities will grow over a relatively long period of time, generally greater than one year.
- Short Term Purchases - securities purchased with the expectation that they will be sold within a relatively short period of time, generally less than one year, to take advantage of the securities' short-term price fluctuations.
- Short Sales - a securities transaction in which an investor sells securities he or she borrowed in anticipation of a price decline. The investor is then required to return an equal number of shares at some point in the future. A short seller will profit if the stock goes down in price.

## **Tax Considerations**

Our strategies and investments may have unique and significant tax implications. However, unless we specifically agree otherwise, and in writing, tax efficiency is not our *primary* consideration in the management of your assets.

Moreover, as a result of revised IRS regulations, custodians and broker-dealers will begin reporting the cost basis of equities acquired in client accounts on or after January 1, 2011. Our firm will instruct the custodian to use the first-in, first-out "FIFO" accounting method for calculating and reporting the cost basis of your investments, and we reserve the right to specify specific lots when warranted.

## **Risk of Loss**

Investing in securities involves risk of loss that you should be prepared to bear. We do not represent or guarantee that our services or methods of analysis can or will predict future results, successfully identify market tops or bottoms, or insulate clients from losses due to market corrections or declines. We cannot offer any guarantees or promises that your financial goals and objectives will be met. Past performance is in no way an indication of future performance.

## **Item 9 Disciplinary Information**

Vest Assured, Inc. has been registered and providing investment advisory services since 1988, and Michael T. Pagano has been registered as an investment adviser representative or registered representative since 1998. Neither our firm nor Michael T. Pagano has any reportable disciplinary information.

## **Item 10 Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations**

### **Arrangements with Affiliated Entities**

We are affiliated with Pagano & Forgach, LLP through common control and ownership. If you require accounting services, we may recommend that you use Pagano & Forgach, LLP. Our advisory services are separate and distinct from the compensation paid to Pagano & Forgach, LLP for their services.

These referral arrangements we have with our affiliated entities present a conflict of interest because we may have a financial incentive to recommend our affiliates' services. While we believe that compensation charged by our affiliates are competitive, such compensation may be higher than fees charged by other firms providing the same or similar services. You are under no obligation to use our affiliates' services and may obtain comparable services and/or lower fees through other firms.

## **Item 11 Code of Ethics, Participation or Interest in Client Transactions and Personal Trading**

### **Description of Our Code of Ethics**

We strive to comply with applicable laws and regulations governing our practices. Therefore, our Code of Ethics includes guidelines for professional standards of conduct for our Associated Persons. Our goal is to protect your interests at all times and to demonstrate our commitment to our fiduciary duties of honesty, good faith, and fair dealing with you. All of our Associated Persons are expected to adhere strictly to these guidelines. Persons associated with our firm are also required to report any violations of our Code of Ethics. Additionally, we maintain and enforce written policies reasonably designed to prevent the misuse or dissemination of material, non-public information about you or your account holdings by persons associated with our firm.



Our Code of Ethics is available to you upon request. You may obtain a copy of our Code of Ethics by contacting Michael T. Pagano, President/Chief Compliance Officer, at (516) 678-1927 or via email at [info@vestassured.com](mailto:info@vestassured.com).

### **Participation or Interest in Client Transactions**

Neither our firm nor any of our Associated Persons has any material financial interest in client transactions beyond the provision of investment advisory services as disclosed in this Brochure.

### **Personal Trading Practices**

Our firm or persons associated with our firm may buy or sell the same securities that we recommend to you or securities in which you are already invested. A conflict of interest exists in such cases because we have the ability to trade ahead of you and potentially receive more favorable prices than you will receive. To eliminate this conflict of interest, it is our policy that neither our Associated Persons nor we shall have priority over your account in the purchase or sale of securities.

## **Item 12 Brokerage Practices**

We primarily recommend the brokerage and custodial services of Fidelity Brokerage Services LLC (together with all affiliates, "Fidelity"), a securities broker-dealer and a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation. We believe that Fidelity provides quality execution services for you at competitive prices. Price is not the sole factor we consider in evaluating best execution. We also consider the quality of the brokerage services provided by Fidelity, including the value of research provided, the firm's reputation, execution capabilities, commission rates, and responsiveness to our clients and our firm. In recognition of the value of research services and additional brokerage products and services Fidelity provides, you may pay higher commissions and/or trading costs than those that may be available elsewhere.

### **Brokerage for Client Referrals**

We do not receive client referrals from broker-dealers in exchange for cash or other compensation, such as brokerage services or research.

### **Directed Brokerage**

In limited circumstances, and at our discretion, some clients may instruct our firm to use one or more particular brokers for the transactions in their accounts. If you choose to direct our firm to use a particular broker, you should understand that this might prevent our firm from aggregating trades with other client accounts or from effectively negotiating brokerage commissions on your behalf. This practice may also prevent our firm from obtaining favorable net price and execution. Thus, when directing brokerage business, you should consider whether the commission expenses, execution, clearance, and settlement capabilities that you will obtain through your broker are adequately favorable in comparison to those that we would otherwise obtain for you.

### **Block Trading**

We combine multiple orders for shares of the same securities purchased for advisory accounts we manage (this practice is commonly referred to as "block trading"). We will then distribute a portion of the shares to participating accounts in a fair and equitable manner. The distribution of the shares purchased is typically proportionate to the size of the account, but it is not based on account performance or the amount or structure of management fees.

Allocations of orders among client accounts must be made in a fair and equitable manner. However, the following factors may justify an allocation that deviates from the general rule:

1. Specific allocations may be chosen based upon an account's existing positions in securities.

2. Specific allocations may be chosen because of the cash availability of one or more particular accounts.
3. Specific allocations may be chosen based on a partial fill of the block trade.
4. Specific allocations may be chosen for tax reasons.

Subject to our discretion regarding factual and market conditions, when we combine orders, each participating account pays an average price per share for all transactions and pays a proportionate share of all transaction costs. Accounts owned by our firm or persons associated with our firm may participate in block trading with your accounts; however, they will not be given preferential treatment.

## **Item 13 Review of Accounts**

Mr. Michael T. Pagano, President/Chief Compliance Officer of Vest Assured, Inc. will monitor your accounts on a continuous basis and will conduct account reviews at least annually and upon your request to ensure that the advisory services provided to you are consistent with stated investment needs and objectives. Additional reviews may be conducted based on various circumstances, including, but not limited to:

- contributions and withdrawals,
- year-end tax planning,
- market moving events,
- security specific events, and/or,
- changes in your risk/return objectives.

We will provide you with performance reports in conjunction with account reviews on an annual or semi-annual basis. Reports we provide to you will contain relevant account and/or market-related information such as an inventory of account holdings and account performance, etc. In addition, you will receive trade confirmations and monthly or quarterly statements from your account custodian(s).

## **Item 14 Client Referrals and Other Compensation**

We do not receive any compensation from any third party in connection with providing investment advice to you nor do we compensate any individual or firm for client referrals. Please refer to the *Brokerage Practices* section above for disclosures on research and other benefits we may receive resulting from our relationship with Fidelity.

## **Item 15 Custody**

We directly debit your account(s) for the payment of our advisory fees. This ability to deduct our advisory fees from your accounts causes our firm to exercise limited custody over your funds or securities. We do not have physical custody of any of your funds and/or securities. Your funds and securities will be held with a bank, broker-dealer, or other qualified custodian. You will receive account statements from the qualified custodian(s) holding your funds and securities at least quarterly. The account statements from your custodian(s) will indicate the amount of our advisory fees deducted from your account(s) each billing period. You should carefully review account statements for accuracy.

If you have a question regarding your account statement or if you did not receive a statement from your custodian, please contact Michael T. Pagano, President/Chief Compliance Officer, at (516) 678-1927 or via email at [info@vestassured.com](mailto:info@vestassured.com).

## **Item 16 Investment Discretion**

Before we can buy or sell securities on your behalf, you must first sign our discretionary management agreement, a power of attorney, and/or trading authorization forms.

You may grant our firm discretion over the selection and amount of securities to be purchased or sold for your account(s) without obtaining your consent or approval prior to each transaction. You may specify investment objectives, guidelines, and/or impose certain conditions or investment parameters for your account(s). For example, you may specify that the investment in any particular stock or industry should not exceed specified percentages of the value of the portfolio and/or restrictions or prohibitions of transactions in the securities of a specific industry or security. Please refer to the "Advisory Business" section in this Brochure for more information on our discretionary management services.

## **Item 17 Voting Client Securities**

### **Proxy Voting**

We will not vote proxies on behalf of your advisory accounts. At your request, we may offer you advice regarding corporate actions and the exercise of your proxy voting rights. If you own shares of common stock or mutual funds, you are responsible for exercising your right to vote as a shareholder.

In most cases, you will receive proxy materials directly from the account custodian. However, in the event we were to receive any written or electronic proxy materials, we would forward them directly to you by mail, unless you have authorized our firm to contact you by electronic mail, in which case, we would forward any electronic solicitation to vote proxies.

## **Item 18 Financial Information**

We are not required to provide financial information to our clients because we do not:

- require the prepayment of more than \$500 in fees and six or more months in advance, or
- take custody of client funds or securities, or
- have a financial condition that is reasonably likely to impair our ability to meet our commitments to you.

## **Item 19 Requirements for State Registered Investment Advisers**

Refer to the Part(s) 2B for background information about management personnel and those giving advice on behalf of our firm.

Our firm is not actively engaged in any business other than giving investment advice.

Neither our firm, nor any persons associated with our firm are compensated for advisory services with performance-based fees. Please refer to the "Performance-Based Fees and Side-By-Side Management" section above for additional information on this topic.

Neither our firm, nor any of our management persons have any reportable arbitration claims, civil, self-regulatory organization proceedings or administrative proceedings.

Neither our firm, nor any of our management persons have a material relationship or arrangement with any issuer of securities.

## Item 20 Additional Information

### **Your Privacy**

We view protecting your private information as a top priority. Pursuant to applicable privacy requirements, we have instituted policies and procedures to ensure that we keep your personal information private and secure.

We do not disclose any nonpublic personal information about you to any nonaffiliated third parties, except as permitted by law. In the course of servicing your account, we may share some information with our service providers, such as transfer agents, custodians, broker-dealers, accountants, consultants, and attorneys.

We restrict internal access to nonpublic personal information about you to employees, who need that information in order to provide products or services to you. We maintain physical and procedural safeguards that comply with regulatory standards to guard your nonpublic personal information and to ensure our integrity and confidentiality. We will never sell information about you or your accounts to anyone. We do not share your information unless it is required to process a transaction, at your request, or required by law.

You will receive a copy of our privacy notice prior to or at the time you sign an advisory agreement with our firm. Thereafter, we will deliver a copy of the current privacy policy notice to you on an annual basis. Please contact Michael T. Pagano, President/Chief Compliance Officer, if you have any questions regarding this policy.

### **Trade Errors**

In the event a trading error occurs in your account, our policy is to restore your account to the position it should have been in had the trading error not occurred. Depending on the circumstances, corrective actions may include canceling the trade, adjusting an allocation, and/or reimbursing the account. If a trade error results in a profit, you will keep the profit.

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**FORM ADV PART 2B  
BROCHURE SUPPLEMENT**

**This brochure supplement provides information about Michael T. Pagano that supplements the Vest Assured, Inc. brochure. You should have received a copy of that brochure. Please contact Michael T. Pagano if you did not receive Vest Assured, Inc.'s brochure or if you have any questions about the contents of this supplement.**

**Additional information about Michael T. Pagano is available on the SEC's website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).**

## Item 2 Educational Background and Business Experience

**Michael T. Pagano, CFP®, CPA**

*Year Of Birth:* 1949

*Formal Education after High School:*

- Bernard M Baruch College of the City University of New York, B.B.A., Accounting, 1967-1972.
- Bernard M Baruch College of the City University of New York, M.B.A., Taxation, 1976-1979.
- Certified Public Accountant, 1975

*Business Background for the Preceding Five Years:*

- Vest Assured, Inc., President/Chief Compliance Officer, 1988 to Present.
- Pagano & Forgach, LL P, Partner, 01/1992 to Present.

*Certifications:*

- Certified Financial Planner, 1991

The **Certified Financial Planner**, CFP® and federally registered CFP® (with flame design) marks (collectively, the "CFP® marks") are professional certification marks granted in the United States by Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc. ("CFP® Board").

The CFP® certification is a voluntary certification; no federal or state law or regulation requires financial planners to hold CFP® certification. It is recognized in the United States and a number of other countries for its (1) high standard of professional education; (2) stringent code of conduct and standards of practice; and (3) ethical requirements that govern professional engagements with clients. Currently, more than 62,000 individuals have obtained CFP® certification in the United States.

To attain the right to use the CFP® marks, an individual must satisfactorily fulfill the following requirements:

- Education - Complete an advanced college-level course of study addressing the financial planning subject areas that CFP® Board's studies have determined as necessary for the competent and professional delivery of financial planning services, and attain a Bachelor's Degree from a regionally accredited United States college or university (or its equivalent from a foreign university). CFP® Board's financial planning subject areas include insurance planning and risk management, employee benefits planning, investment planning, income tax planning, retirement planning, and estate planning;
- Examination - Pass the comprehensive CFP® Certification Examination. The examination, administered in 10 hours over a two-day period, includes case studies and client scenarios designed to test one's ability to correctly diagnose financial planning issues and apply one's knowledge of financial planning to real world circumstances;
- Experience - Complete at least three years of full-time financial planning-related experience (or the equivalent, measured as 2,000 hours per year); and
- Ethics - Agree to be bound by CFP® Board's *Standards of Professional Conduct*, a set of documents outlining the ethical and practice standards for CFP® professionals.

Individuals who become certified must complete the following ongoing education and ethics requirements in order to maintain the right to continue to use the CFP® marks:

- Continuing Education - Complete 30 hours of continuing education hours every two years, including two hours on the *Code of Ethics* and other parts of the *Standards of Professional Conduct*, to maintain competence and keep up with developments in the financial planning field; and
- Ethics - Renew an agreement to be bound by the *Standards of Professional Conduct*. The Standards prominently require that CFP® professionals provide financial planning services at a fiduciary standard of care. This means CFP® professionals must provide financial planning services in the best interests of their clients.

### Item 3 Disciplinary Information

Michael T. Pagano does not have any disciplinary disclosure.

### Item 4 Other Business Activities

Michael T. Pagano is a founding partner of Pagano & Forgach LLP, a certified public accounting firm. Mr. Pagano is licensed as a Certified Public Accountant in the State of New York. In this capacity, he can provide accounting services for his clients and earn fees for these activities. The fees you pay our firm for advisory services are separate and distinct from the fees charged by Pagano & Forgach, LLP for accounting related activities. However, you are under no obligation, contractually or otherwise, to engage Pagano & Forgach, LLP for accounting services. Michael T. Pagano spends approximately 30% of his time in his capacity as a Certified Public Accountant ("CPA").

### Item 5 Additional Compensation

Please refer to the *Other Business Activities* section above for disclosures on Mr. Pagano's receipt of additional compensation as a result of his activities as a Certified Public Accountant.

### Item 6 Supervision

Michael T. Pagano, President and Chief Compliance Officer, is the sole advisory representative of Vest Assured, Inc.; therefore, he is not subject to supervision.

### Item 7 Requirements for State-Registered Advisers

Michael T. Pagano does not have, or has ever had, any reportable arbitration claims, has not been found liable in a reportable civil, self-regulatory organization or administrative proceeding, and has not been the subject of a bankruptcy petition.