

**QUANTUM CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.L.C.**

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**Additional information about Quantum Capital Management, LLC also is available on the SEC’s website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).**

**References herein to Quantum Capital Management, LLC. as a “registered investment adviser” or any reference to being “registered” does not imply a certain level of skill or training.**

## **Item 2           Material Changes**

There have been no material changes made to Quantum Capital Management, LLC disclosure statement since last year's Annual Amendment filing on February 11, 2014.

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#### Item 4            Advisory Business

- A. Quantum Capital Management, LLC (the “Registrant”) is a limited liability company formed on February 23, 1999 in the State of New Jersey. The Registrant became registered as an Investment Adviser Firm in August 2000. The Registrant is owned by John J. Hughes. John J. Hughes is the Registrant’s Principal.
- B. As discussed below, the Registrant offers to its clients (individuals, business entities, trusts and pension and profit sharing plans, etc.) investment advisory services. The Registrant **does not** hold itself out as providing financial planning, estate planning or accounting services.

#### INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICES

The client can determine to engage the Registrant to provide discretionary investment advisory services on a *fee-only* basis. The Registrant shall charge an annual investment management fee based upon a percentage of the market value of the assets being managed by Registrant. The investment management fee charged shall vary (between 0.85% and 2.00%) depending upon the market value of assets under management.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

**Limited Consulting/Implementation Services.** Although the Registrant does not hold itself out as providing financial planning, estate planning or accounting services, to the extent specifically requested by the client, the Registrant *may* provide limited consultation services to its investment management clients on investment and non-investment related matters, such as estate planning, tax planning, insurance, etc. Registrant shall not receive any separate or additional fee for any such consultation services. Neither the Registrant, nor any of its representatives, serves as an attorney, accountant, or licensed insurance agent, and no portion of the Registrant’s services should be construed as same. To the extent requested by a client, the Registrant may recommend the services of other professionals for certain non-investment implementation purposes (i.e. attorneys, accountants, insurance, etc.). The client is under no obligation to engage the services of any such recommended professional. The client retains absolute discretion over all such implementation decisions and is free to accept any recommendation from the Registrant. **Please Note:** If the client engages any such recommended professional, and a dispute arises thereafter relative to such engagement, the client agrees to seek recourse exclusively from and against the engaged professional. **Please Also Note:** It remains the client’s responsibility to promptly notify the Registrant if there is ever any change in his/her/its financial situation or investment objectives for the purpose of reviewing/evaluating/revising Registrant’s previous recommendations and/or services.

**Affiliated Private Investment Fund.** The Registrant’s affiliate, Quantum Capital Advisors, LLC, an SEC registered investment adviser firm (801-77003), serves as the General Partner of The Quantum Strategic Value Fund, LP (the “*affiliated private fund*”) - a private investment fund whose objective is to provide investors with an above average long-term rate of return by investing in individual domestic and international equity

securities. The Registrant may recommend, on a non-discretionary basis, that qualified clients allocate a portion of their investment assets to the *affiliated private fund*. To the extent that Registrant's individual advisory clients qualify, and determine that an investment is appropriate given their investment objective(s) and financial situation, they may participate as limited partners of the *affiliated private fund*. The terms and conditions for participation in the *affiliated private fund* are set forth in the *affiliated private fund's* offering documents (discussing fees-including fees payable to the General Partner and the sub-managers engaged to manage *affiliated private fund* assets, conflicts of interest, risk factors, and liquidity constraints), which each prospective investor client shall receive, and shall be required to complete and submit the corresponding Subscription Agreement to the General Partner in order to demonstrate qualification for investment in the *affiliated private fund*.

**Please Note:** Private investment funds generally involve various risk factors, including, but not limited to, potential for complete loss of principal, liquidity constraints and lack of transparency, a complete discussion of which is set forth in each fund's offering documents, which will be provided to each client for review and consideration. Unlike liquid investments that a client may maintain, private investment funds do not provide daily liquidity or pricing. Each prospective client investor will be required to complete a Subscription Agreement, pursuant to which the client shall establish that he/she is qualified for investment in the fund, and acknowledges and accepts the various risk factors that are associated with such an investment.

**Please Also Note: Conflict Of Interest.** Because the Registrant's affiliate, Quantum Capital Advisors, LLC earns compensation from the *affiliated private fund*, the Registrant's advisory fee may, indirectly, exceed the fee that the Registrant would earn under its standard "assets under management" fee schedule referenced in Item 5.A below. The recommendation that a client become an investor in the *affiliated private fund* could present a **conflict of interest**. No client is under any obligation to become an investor in the *affiliated private fund*. The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, John J. Hughes, remains available to address any questions regarding this conflict of interest.

**Please Also Note: Valuation.** In the event that the Registrant references private investment funds owned by the client on any supplemental account reports prepared by the Registrant, the value(s) for all private investment funds owned by the client shall reflect the most recent valuation provided by the fund sponsor. If the fund sponsor does not provide a post-purchase valuation, then the valuation shall reflect the initial purchase price (and/or a value as of a previous date) or the current value(s) (either the initial purchase price and/or the most recent valuation provided by the fund sponsor). If the valuation reflects the initial purchase price (and/or a value as of a previous date), then the current value(s) (to the extent ascertainable) **could be significantly more or less than the original purchase price.** The client's advisory fee shall be based upon such reflected fund value(s).

**Sub-Advisory Arrangements.** The Registrant may be engaged by unaffiliated investment advisors (the “Advisor”) to provide investment management services on a sub-advisory basis. When engaged as a sub-advisor, the Registrant shall have discretionary authority for the day-to-day management of the assets that have been allocated to it by the Advisor. The Registrant shall receive, as compensation for its sub-advisory services, a separate management fee which the Registrant shall deduct from the allocated assets. The Registrant’s Chief Compliance Officer, John J. Hughes, remains available to address any questions concerning the Registrant’s sub-advisory services.

**Retirement Plan Rollovers-No Obligation/Conflict of Interest:** Clients are under absolutely no obligation to engage Registrant as the investment adviser for his/her employer-sponsored retirement account(s). Rather, clients can continue to self-direct such retirement account(s). However, if a client determines that he/she would like Registrant’s assistance in managing his/her retirement account, Registrant shall charge a separate and additional advisory fee for ongoing advisory services, which clients would not incur by continuing to self-direct the retirement account. As a result, any recommendation by Registrant that clients engage Registrant to manage an otherwise self-directed retirement account presents a conflict of interest. Again, clients are under absolutely no obligation to engage Registrant as the investment adviser for his/her retirement account.

**Trade Error Policy.** Registrant shall reimburse accounts for losses resulting from the Registrant’s trade errors, but shall not credit accounts for such errors resulting in market gains. The gains and losses are reconciled within the Registrant’s custodian firm account and Registrant retains the net gains and losses.

**Client Obligations.** In performing its services, Registrant shall not be required to verify any information received from the client or from the client’s other professionals, and is expressly authorized to rely thereon. Moreover, each client is advised that it remains his/her/its responsibility to promptly notify the Registrant if there is ever any change in his/her/its financial situation or investment objectives for the purpose of reviewing/evaluating/revising Registrant’s previous recommendations and/or services.

**Disclosure Statement.** A copy of the Registrant’s written Brochure as set forth on Part 2A of Form ADV shall be provided to each client prior to, or contemporaneously with, the execution of the *Investment Advisory Agreement*.

- C. The Registrant shall provide investment advisory services specific to the needs of each client. Prior to providing investment advisory services, an investment adviser representative will ascertain each client’s investment objective(s). Thereafter, the Registrant shall allocate and/or recommend that the client allocate investment assets consistent with the designated investment objective(s). The client may, at anytime, impose reasonable restrictions, in writing, on the Registrant’s services.
- D. The Registrant does not participate in a wrap fee program.
- E. As of December 31, 2014, the Registrant had \$407,577,367 in assets under management on a discretionary basis.

## Item 5 Fees and Compensation

A.

### INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICES

The client can determine to engage the Registrant to provide discretionary investment advisory services on a *fee-only* basis. The Registrant shall charge an annual investment management fee based upon a percentage of the market value of the assets being managed by Registrant. The investment management fee shall vary (between 0.85% and 2.00%) depending upon the market value of assets under management as follows:

<u>Assets Under Management</u>	<u>Annual Fee</u>
Under \$250,000	2.00%
Under \$500,000	1.35%
Under \$10 million	1.00%
Under \$25 million	0.90%
Over \$25 million	0.85%

Registrant's annual investment advisory fee shall include investment advisory services, and, to the extent specifically requested by the client, Registrant may provide limited consultation services to its investment management clients on investment and non-investment related matters. Any such consultation services, to the extent rendered, shall be rendered exclusively on an unsolicited basis, for which Registrant shall not receive any separate or additional fee.

- B. Clients may elect to have the Registrant's advisory fees deducted from their custodial account. Both Registrant's *Investment Advisory Agreement* and the custodial/clearing agreement may authorize the custodian to debit the account for the amount of the Registrant's investment advisory fee and to directly remit that management fee to the Registrant in compliance with regulatory procedures. In the limited event that the Registrant bills the client directly, payment is due upon receipt of the Registrant's invoice. The Registrant shall deduct fees and/or bill clients quarterly in arrears, based upon the market value of the assets on the last business day of the previous quarter.
- C. As discussed below, unless the client directs otherwise or an individual client's circumstances require, the Registrant shall generally recommend that a particular broker-dealer/custodian serve as the broker-dealer/custodian for client investment management assets. Broker-dealers charge brokerage commissions and/or transaction fees for effecting certain securities transactions (i.e. transaction fees are charged for certain no-load mutual funds, commissions are charged for individual equity and fixed income securities transactions). In addition to Registrant's investment management fee, brokerage commissions and/or transaction fees, clients will also incur, relative to all mutual fund and exchange traded fund purchases, charges imposed at the fund level (e.g. management fees and other fund expenses).

**Tradeaway/Prime Broker Fees.** Relative to its discretionary investment management services, when beneficial to the client, individual fixed income and/or equity transactions may be effected through broker-dealers other than the account custodian, in which event, the client generally will incur both the fee (commission, mark-up/mark-down) charged by

the executing broker-dealer and a separate “tradeaway” and/or prime broker fee charged by the account custodian.

- D. Registrant's annual investment advisory fee shall be prorated and paid quarterly, in arrears, based upon the market value of the assets on the last business day of the previous quarter. Registrant generally requires a \$1 million per client minimum for investment management services. However, Registrant, in its sole discretion, may charge a lesser investment management fee or waive the \$1 million client minimum based upon certain criteria (i.e. anticipated future earning capacity, anticipated future additional assets, dollar amount of assets to be managed, related accounts, account composition, negotiations with client, etc.).

The *Investment Advisory Agreement* between the Registrant and the client will continue in effect until terminated by either party by written notice in accordance with the terms of the *Investment Advisory Agreement*. Upon termination, the Registrant shall generally debit the client account for the pro-rated portion of the unpaid advisory fee paid based upon the number of days services were provided during the billing quarter.

- E. Neither the Registrant, nor its representatives accept compensation from the sale of securities or other investment products.

## **Item 6            Performance-Based Fees and Side-by-Side Management**

Neither the Registrant nor any supervised person of the Registrant accepts performance-based fees.

## **Item 7            Types of Clients**

The Registrant's clients shall generally include individuals, business entities, trusts, and pension and profit sharing plans. Registrant generally requires a \$1 million per client minimum for investment management services. However, Registrant, in its sole discretion, may charge a lesser investment management fee or waive the \$1 million client minimum based upon certain criteria (i.e. anticipated future earning capacity, anticipated future additional assets, dollar amount of assets to be managed, related accounts, account composition, negotiations with client, etc.).

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

- A. The Registrant shall utilize the following methods of security analysis:
- Fundamental - (analysis performed on historical and present data, with the goal of making financial forecasts)

The Registrant shall utilize the following investment strategies when implementing investment advice given to clients:

- Long Term Purchases (securities held at least a year)

**Please Note: Investment Risk.** Different types of investments involve varying degrees of risk, and it should not be assumed that future performance of any specific investment or investment strategy (including the investments and/or investment strategies recommended or undertaken by the Registrant) will be profitable or equal any specific performance level(s).

- B. The Registrant's methods of analysis and investment strategies do not present any significant or unusual risks.

However, every method of analysis has its own inherent risks. To perform an accurate market analysis the Registrant must have access to current/new market information. The Registrant has no control over the dissemination rate of market information; therefore, unbeknownst to the Registrant, certain analyses may be compiled with outdated market information, severely limiting the value of the Registrant's analysis. Furthermore, an accurate market analysis can only produce a forecast of the direction of market values. There can be no assurances that a forecasted change in market value will materialize into actionable and/or profitable investment opportunities.

The Registrant's primary investment strategy - Long Term Purchases – is a fundamental investment strategy. However, every investment strategy has its own inherent risks and limitations. For example, longer term investment strategies require a longer investment time period to allow for the strategy to potentially develop. Shorter term investment strategies require a shorter investment time period to potentially develop but, as a result of more frequent trading, may incur higher transactional costs when compared to a longer term investment strategy.

- C. Currently, the Registrant primarily allocates client investment assets among various individual equity and fixed income securities, on a discretionary basis in accordance with the client's designated investment objective(s).

## **Item 9           Disciplinary Information**

The Registrant has not been the subject of any disciplinary actions.

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

- A. Neither the Registrant, nor its representatives, are registered or have an application pending to register, as a broker-dealer or a registered representative of a broker-dealer.
- B. Neither the Registrant, nor its representatives, are registered or have an application pending to register, as a futures commission merchant, commodity pool operator, a commodity trading advisor, or a representative of the foregoing.
- C. **Other Investment Adviser Firm** The Registrant's Principal, John J. Hughes and Giridhar Reddy, own Quantum Capital Advisors, LLC ("*QCA*"), an affiliated, SEC Registered (801-77003) investment advisor firm. *QCA* is the General Partner of the *affiliated private fund*, discussed above, and limits its investment advisory services to servicing the *affiliated private fund*. The Registrant may refer certain clients to the *affiliated private fund*. No client is under any obligation to engage the services of *QCA* or



make an investment in the *affiliated private fund*. **The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, John J. Hughes, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above conflict of interest.**

- D. The Registrant does not receive, directly or indirectly, compensation from investment advisors that it recommends or selects for its clients.

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

- A. The Registrant maintains an investment policy relative to personal securities transactions. This investment policy is part of Registrant's overall Code of Ethics, which serves to establish a standard of business conduct for all of Registrant's Representatives that is based upon fundamental principles of openness, integrity, honesty and trust, a copy of which is available upon request.

In accordance with Section 204A of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Registrant also maintains and enforces written policies reasonably designed to prevent the misuse of material non-public information by the Registrant or any person associated with the Registrant.

- B. Neither the Registrant nor any related person of Registrant recommends, buys, or sells for client accounts, securities in which the Registrant or any related person of Registrant has a material financial interest.
- C. The Registrant and/or representatives of the Registrant *may* buy or sell securities that are also recommended to clients. This practice may create a situation where the Registrant and/or representatives of the Registrant are in a position to materially benefit from the sale or purchase of those securities. Therefore, this situation creates a potential conflict of interest. Practices such as "scalping" (i.e., a practice whereby the owner of shares of a security recommends that security for investment and then immediately sells it at a profit upon the rise in the market price which follows the recommendation) could take place if the Registrant did not have adequate policies in place to detect such activities. In addition, this requirement can help detect insider trading, "front-running" (i.e., personal trades executed prior to those of the Registrant's clients) and other potentially abusive practices.

The Registrant has a personal securities transaction policy in place to monitor the personal securities transactions and securities holdings of each of the Registrant's "Access Persons". The Registrant's securities transaction policy requires that Access Person of the Registrant must provide the Chief Compliance Officer or his/her designee with a written report of the their current securities holdings within ten (10) days after becoming an Access Person. Additionally, each Access Person must provide the Chief Compliance Officer or his/her designee with a written report of the Access Person's current securities holdings at least once each twelve (12) month period thereafter on a date the Registrant selects; provided, however that at any time that the Registrant has only one Access Person, he or she shall not be required to submit any securities report described above.

- D. The Registrant and/or representatives of the Registrant *may* buy or sell securities, at or around the same time as those securities are recommended to clients. This practice

creates a situation where the Registrant and/or representatives of the Registrant are in a position to materially benefit from the sale or purchase of those securities. Therefore, this situation creates a potential conflict of interest. As indicated above in Item 11 C, the Registrant has a personal securities transaction policy in place to monitor the personal securities transaction and securities holdings of each of Registrant's Access Persons.

## **Item 12 Brokerage Practices**

- A. Prior to engaging Registrant to provide investment management services, the client will be required to enter into a formal *Investment Advisory Agreement* with Registrant setting forth the terms and conditions under which Registrant shall manage the client's assets, and a separate custodial/clearing agreement with each designated broker-dealer/custodian.

Factors that the Registrant considers in recommending a particular broker-dealer/custodian to clients include historical relationship with the Registrant, financial strength, reputation, execution capabilities, pricing, research, and service. Although the commissions and/or transaction fees paid by Registrant's clients shall comply with the Registrant's duty to obtain best execution, a client may pay a commission that is higher than another qualified broker-dealer might charge to effect the same transaction where the Registrant determines, in good faith, that the commission/transaction fee is reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage and research services received. In seeking best execution, the determinative factor is not the lowest possible cost, but whether the transaction represents the best qualitative execution, taking into consideration the full range of a broker-dealer services, including the value of research provided, execution capability, commission rates, and responsiveness. Accordingly, although Registrant will seek competitive rates, it may not necessarily obtain the lowest possible commission rates for client account transactions. The brokerage commissions or transaction fees charged by the designated broker-dealer/custodian are exclusive of, and in addition to, Registrant's investment management fee. The Registrant's best execution responsibility is qualified if securities that it purchases for client accounts are mutual funds that trade at net asset value as determined at the daily market close.

### **1. Soft Dollar Arrangement**

In return for effecting securities transactions through a particular broker-dealer, Registrant may receive certain investment research products or services which assist the Registrant in its investment decision making process for the client pursuant to Section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (generally referred to as a "soft-dollar" arrangement). Investment research products or services received by Registrant may include, but are not limited to, analyses pertaining to specific securities, companies or sectors; market, financial and economic studies and forecasts; financial publications, portfolio management systems, and statistical and pricing services. Although the investment research products or services that may be obtained by Registrant will generally be used to service all of Registrant's clients, a brokerage commission paid by a specific client may be used to pay for research that is not used in managing that specific client's account. With respect to investment research products or services obtained by the Registrant that have a mixed use of both a research and non-research (i.e., administrative, etc.) function, Registrant shall make a reasonable allocation of the cost of the product or service according to its use - the percentage of the product or service that provides assistance to the Registrant's

investment decision-making process will be paid for with soft dollars while that portion which provides administrative or other non-research assistance will be paid for by the Registrant with hard dollars. The brokerage commissions or transaction fees charged by the designated broker-dealer/custodian are exclusive of, and in addition to, Registrant's investment management fee.

**The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, John J. Hughes, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above arrangement and any corresponding perceived conflict of interest such arrangement may create.**

#### Research and Additional Benefits

Although not a material consideration when determining whether to recommend that a client utilize the services of a particular broker-dealer/custodian, Registrant may receive from a broker-dealer/custodian without cost (and/or at a discount) support services and/or products, certain of which assist the Registrant to better monitor and service client accounts maintained at such institutions. Included within the support services that may be obtained by the Registrant may be investment-related research, pricing information and market data, software and other technology that provide access to client account data, compliance and/or practice management-related publications, discounted or gratis consulting services, discounted and/or gratis attendance at conferences, meetings, and other educational and/or social events, marketing support, computer hardware and/or software and/or other products used by Registrant in furtherance of its investment advisory business operations.

As indicated above, certain of the support services and/or products that *may* be received may assist the Registrant in managing and administering client accounts. Others do not directly provide such assistance, but rather assist the Registrant to manage and further develop its business enterprise.

Registrant's clients do not pay more for investment transactions effected and/or assets maintained at a specific custodian as result of this arrangement. There is no corresponding commitment made by the Registrant to a specific custodian or any other entity to invest any specific amount or percentage of client assets in any specific mutual funds, securities or other investment products as a result of the above arrangement.

**The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, John J. Hughes, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above arrangement and any corresponding perceived conflict of interest such arrangement may create.**

2. In the event that the transactions for a client's accounts are effected through a broker-dealer that refers investment management clients to Registrant, there exists the potential for conflict of interest if the accounts incur higher commission or transaction costs than the accounts would otherwise have incurred had the client determined to effect account transactions through alternative clearing arrangements that may have been available through Registrant.

**The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, John J. Hughes, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding**

**the above arrangement and any corresponding perceived conflict of interest such arrangement may create.**

3. The Registrant does not generally accept directed brokerage arrangements (when a client requires that account transactions be effected through a specific broker-dealer). In such client directed arrangements, the client will negotiate terms and arrangements for their account with that broker-dealer, and Registrant will not seek better execution services or prices from other broker-dealers or be able to "batch" the client's transactions for execution through other broker-dealers with orders for other accounts managed by Registrant. As a result, client may pay higher commissions or other transaction costs or greater spreads, or receive less favorable net prices, on transactions for the account than would otherwise be the case.

**Please Note:** In the event that the client directs Registrant to effect securities transactions for the client's accounts through a specific broker-dealer, the client correspondingly acknowledges that such direction may cause the accounts to incur higher commissions or transaction costs than the accounts would otherwise incur had the client determined to effect account transactions through alternative clearing arrangements that may be available through Registrant.

**The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, John J. Hughes, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above arrangement.**

- B. To the extent that the Registrant provides investment management services to its clients, the transactions for each client account generally will be effected independently, unless the Registrant decides to purchase or sell the same securities for several clients at approximately the same time. The Registrant may (but is not obligated to) combine or "bunch" such orders to obtain best execution, to negotiate more favorable commission rates or to allocate equitably among the Registrant's clients differences in prices and commissions or other transaction costs that might have been obtained had such orders been placed independently. Under this procedure, transactions will be averaged as to price and will be allocated among clients in proportion to the purchase and sale orders placed for each client account on any given day. The Registrant shall not receive any additional compensation or remuneration as a result of such aggregation. In the event that trades are placed for all Registrant's affiliates on the same day and the trades cannot be bundled, the Registrant will place trades on a rotational basis.

It is Registrant's policy not to effect cross-transactions between client accounts. Registrant will not buy a security for any client within four hours of selling the same security for another client.

### **Item 13      Review of Accounts**

- A. For those clients to whom Registrant provides investment supervisory services, account reviews are conducted on an ongoing basis by the Registrant's Principal, John J. Hughes. All investment supervisory clients are advised that it remains their responsibility to advise the Registrant of any changes in their investment objectives and/or financial situation. All clients (in person or telephonically) are encouraged to review investment objectives and account performance with the Registrant on an annual basis.

- B. The Registrant **may** conduct account reviews on an other than periodic basis upon the occurrence of a triggering event, such as a change in client investment objectives and/or financial situation, market corrections and client request.
- C. Clients are provided, at least quarterly, with written transaction confirmation notices and regular written summary account statements directly from the broker-dealer/custodian and/or program sponsor for the client accounts. The Registrant may also provide a written periodic report summarizing account activity and performance.

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

- A. As referenced in Item 12.A.1 above, the Registrant may receive an indirect economic benefit from particular broker-dealers/custodians. The Registrant, without cost (and/or at a discount), may receive support services and/or products from particular broker-dealers/custodians.

Registrant's clients do not pay more for investment transactions effected and/or assets maintained at particular broker-dealers/custodians as a result of this arrangement. There is no corresponding commitment made by the Registrant to a particular broker-dealer/custodian or any other any entity to invest any specific amount or percentage of client assets in any specific mutual funds, securities or other investment products as result of the above arrangement.

**The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, John J. Hughes, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above arrangement and any corresponding perceived conflict of interest any such arrangement may create.**

- B. Neither the Registrant nor its Representatives compensate non-supervised persons for client referrals.

#### **Item 15      Custody**

The Registrant shall have the ability to have its advisory fee for each client debited by the custodian on a quarterly basis. Clients are provided with transaction confirmation notices and regular summary account statements directly from the broker-dealer/custodian for the client accounts. Those clients to whom Registrant provides investment advisory services will also receive a quarterly report from the Registrant summarizing account activity and performance.

**Please Note:** To the extent that the Registrant provides clients with periodic account statements or reports, the client is urged to compare any statement or report provided by the Registrant with the account statements received from the account custodian. **Please Also Note:** The account custodian does not verify the accuracy of the Registrant's advisory fee calculation.

**Please Note: Custody Situations:** The Registrant engages in other practices and/or services on behalf of its clients that require disclosure at the Custody section of Part 1 of Form ADV, which practices and/or services are subject to an annual surprise

CPA examination in accordance with the requirements of Rule 206(4)-2 under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, John J. Hughes, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding custody-related issues.

## **Item 16 Investment Discretion**

The client can determine to engage the Registrant to provide investment advisory services on a discretionary basis. Prior to the Registrant assuming discretionary authority over a client's account, client shall be required to execute *Investment Advisory Agreement*, naming the Registrant as client's attorney and agent in fact, granting the Registrant full authority to buy, sell, or otherwise effect investment transactions involving the assets in the client's name found in the discretionary account.

Clients who engage the Registrant on a discretionary basis may, at anytime, impose restrictions, in writing, on the Registrant's discretionary authority. (i.e. limit the types/amounts of particular securities purchased for their account, exclude the ability to purchase securities with an inverse relationship to the market, limit or proscribe the Registrant's use of margin, etc).

## **Item 17 Voting Client Securities**

Unless the client directs otherwise in writing, the Registrant is responsible for voting client proxies (**However**, the client shall maintain exclusive responsibility for all legal proceedings or other type events pertaining to the account assets, including, but not limited to, class action lawsuits.). The Registrant shall vote proxies in accordance with its Proxy Voting Policy, a copy of which is available upon request. The Registrant shall monitor corporate actions of individual issuers and investment companies consistent with the Registrant's fiduciary duty to vote proxies in the best interests of its clients. Although the factors which Registrant will consider when determining how it will vote differ on a case by case basis, they may, but are not be limited to, include the following a review of recommendations from issuer management, shareholder proposals, cost effects of such proposals, effect on employees and executive and director compensation. With respect to individual issuers, the Registrant may be solicited to vote on matters including corporate governance, adoption or amendments to compensation plans (including stock options), and matters involving social issues and corporate responsibility. With respect to investment companies (e.g., mutual funds), the Registrant may be solicited to vote on matters including the approval of advisory contracts, distribution plans, and mergers. The Registrant shall maintain records pertaining to proxy voting as required pursuant to Rule 204-2 (c)(2) under the Advisers Act. Copies of Rules 206(4)-6 and 204-2(c)(2) are available upon written request. In addition, information pertaining to how the Registrant voted on any specific proxy issue is also available upon written request. Requests should be made by contacting the Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, John J. Hughes.

**Item 18      Financial Information**

- A. The Registrant does not solicit fees of more than \$1,200 per client, six months or more in advance.
- B. The Registrant is unaware of any financial condition that is reasonably likely to impair its ability to meet its contractual commitments relating to its discretionary authority over certain client accounts.
- C. The Registrant has not been the subject of a bankruptcy petition.

**ANY QUESTIONS: The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, John J. Hughes, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above disclosures and arrangements.**