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P&A is a registered investment adviser. Registration of an Investment Adviser does not imply any level of skill or training. The oral and written communications of an Adviser provide you with information about which you determine to hire or retain an Adviser. Additional information about P&A also is available on the SEC’s website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).

## **Item 2 - Material Changes**

**Revised February 13, 2017**

The purpose of this page is to inform you of material changes since the last annual update to this brochure. If you are receiving this brochure for the first time this section may not be relevant to you.

Penniall & Associates, Inc. ("P&A") reviews and updates our brochure at least annually to confirm that it remains current. Below is a summary of the material changes P&A made since the last annual update to the brochure.

There has been no material changes since the last annual updated made on February 3, 2016.

We will provide you with a new Brochure as necessary based on changes or new information, at any time, without charge.

Currently, our Brochure may be requested by contacting Steven Levin, Chief Compliance Officer at 626-795-3062 or [slevin@penniall.com](mailto:slevin@penniall.com). Our Brochure is also available free of charge on our web site [WWW.PENNIAL.COM](http://WWW.PENNIAL.COM).

Additional information about P&A is also available via the SEC's web site [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov). The SEC's web site also provides information about any persons affiliated with P&A who are registered, or are required to be registered, as investment adviser representatives of P&A.

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## Item 4 - Advisory Business

Penniall & Associates, Inc. (hereinafter "P&A" or the "firm") was established in May, 2002. David R. Penniall, Chief Executive Officer is the primary owner of P&A.

P&A is an investment adviser registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. This Brochure is offered to potential and existing clients to provide an understanding of the services the firm provides, potential conflicts of interest and the experience and education of certain P&A personnel. Individuals associated with P&A will be involved with providing services to the firm's clients. These individuals are appropriately licensed, qualified, and authorized to provide advisory services on behalf of P&A and are known as Investment Adviser Representatives ("IARs").

Please contact Steven Levin, Chief Compliance Officer, if you have any questions about this Brochure. Additional information about P&A is available on the Internet at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov). You can search this site by a unique identifying number, known as a CRD number. The CRD number for P&A is 148282.

P&A advisory business includes financial consulting services, asset management programs and advisory services to retirement plans and plan participants.

### I. Wealth Management Services

#### a. Consulting Services/Financial Planning

Financial Planning services include: defining goals, needs and objectives; gathering and providing appropriate data; determining the results if no changes are made to the client/prospect's current course of action; determining recommendations and possible changes to the current course of action; determining implementation responsibilities; and determining monitoring responsibilities.

CFP® certificants acknowledge their responsibility to adhere to the standards established in the CFP Board's Standards of Professional Conduct, including the duty of care of a fiduciary, as defined by the CFP Board. The client is encouraged to review the information contained in this disclosure brochure and ask the certificant any questions they may have. Should any material changes occur to this information, updated information will be provided in a reasonable time frame. If you become aware that our conduct may violate the Standards, you may file a complaint with the CFP Board at [www.CFP.net/complaint](http://www.CFP.net/complaint).

#### b. Portfolio Management

P&A provides discretionary and non-discretionary portfolio management services to clients through several managed account programs (each referred to as "the Program"). The Programs are provided through brokerage and custodial relationships maintained with TD Ameritrade ("TDA") and may also be offered through other custodians.

The Program recommended to the client will be based upon the client's stated risk tolerance, time horizon, investment objectives and other relevant information provided by the client (collectively, "Financial Data"), subject to any reasonable written restrictions or guidelines that the client may provide and P&A may agree to. When opening a Program Account, a P&A IAR will obtain Financial Data from the client, assist in the selection of suitable investment objectives, and base the investment strategy on the most current Financial Data, specific goals and situation of the client ("Investment Strategy"). P&A will generally construct a portfolio for the client in their account maintained with Schwab ("Account") based on one of P&A's Model Portfolios. A P&A IAR will contact the client periodically to review the client's financial situation and investment goals to determine whether changes to the Investment Strategy are warranted. Clients are advised to contact P&A whenever their Financial Data changes or they want to impose and/or modify any reasonable restrictions on their Account.

Once the client has approved a specific Model Portfolio for their Account, P&A will generally be granted discretionary authority to manage the client's Account and perform various functions without further approval from the client. Such functions include: (i) the determination of securities to be purchased/sold and the amount of securities to be purchased/sold in the client's Account; (ii) the ability to rebalance the securities in the Account according to the parameters of the Model Portfolio; (iii) selling and purchasing securities in the Account to harvest tax losses, if deemed appropriate under the circumstances; and (iv) selling securities and/or maintaining a cash balance in the Account to cover (1) margin calls, (2) debit balances, (3) checks drawn on the Account by the client, and (4) other fees reasonably expected to be incurred in connection with the Account or managing the Account, including P&A's investment advisory fees. For non-discretionary accounts, P&A will contact the client prior to executing any transactions.

Clients may direct P&A to maintain certain security positions in an Account, but such securities will not be managed by P&A or considered when managing the Account for a client ("Non-managed Securities"). P&A will not have discretionary authority over the Non-managed Securities.

1. **Managed Asset Portfolio (MAP)** – The MAP Program will invest in load waived and no-load mutual funds. This portfolio utilizes 5 separate mutual funds and targets a balanced risk tolerance level.
2. **7Twelve Asset Allocation Model** – P&A offers the 7Twelve Asset Allocation Model portfolio which utilizes 12 separate mutual funds or exchange traded funds to fully represent 7 core asset classes. This portfolio has approximately a 65/35 allocation, with 65% invested in equity and diversifying assets and 35% invested in bonds and cash. The 7Twelve Asset Allocation Model is managed by an independent advisory firm and licensed to P&A.
3. **Fixed Income Portfolio** – P&A offers a fixed income portfolio which will typically hold five bond mutual funds (one fund in each of five categories – see Item 8) and no direct exposure to the stock market. This fixed income portfolio is intended for investors seeking safety and income.

TDA provides all custodial and clearing services for Program Accounts. Clients will not incur any costs for trading securities.

## **II. Advisory Services To Retirement Plans And Plan Participants**

P&A offers various levels of advisory and consulting services to employee benefit plans (“Plans”) and to the participants of such plans (“Participants”) through its Penniall Retirement Group division. The services are designed to assist plan sponsors (“Plan Sponsors”) in meeting their management and fiduciary obligations to the Participants under the Employee Retirement Income Securities Act (“ERISA”) and the Pension Protection Act of 2006 (“PPA”). Generally, investment advice provided to Plan Sponsors and Participants is also regulated under ERISA and the PPA. P&A will provide services to Plan Sponsors and their Participants as described below. Plan Sponsors must make the ultimate decision to retain P&A for pension consulting and other advisory services including, but not limited to, services at the participant level. The Plan Sponsor is free to seek independent advice about the appropriateness of any recommended services for the plan.

### **a. Standard Services**

#### **1. ERISA Non-Fiduciary Services**

**a) Education Services to Plan Committee** – P&A will provide training for the members of the Plan Committee (or those designated by the Responsible Plan Fiduciary) with regard to their service on the Committee, including guidance with respect to fiduciary duties, at times mutually agreeable to the parties. P&A will not render individualized investment advice and will not be held to an ERISA fiduciary standard for services rendered hereunder.

**b) Participant Education Services** – P&A will conduct initial and/or periodic enrollment and informational meetings with employees and Participants and provide investment education. In accordance with the Department of Labor’s Interpretative Bulletin 96-1, P&A may provide information about the Plan, general financial and investment information and materials relating to asset allocation models available through the Plan. P&A may also provide interactive investment materials to assist Participants in assessing their future retirement income needs and the impact of different asset allocations on retirement income.

**c) Third Party Product or Service** – P&A will use the benchmarking product or service offered by Fiduciary Benchmarks, Inc. in providing services to the Plan, in addition to any Services selected herein. P&A will not render individualized investment advice and will not be held to an ERISA fiduciary standard for services rendered hereunder.

**d) Plan Search Support** – P&A will manage the preparation, distribution and evaluation of Request For Proposals, finalist interviews and conversion support. P&A will not render individualized investment advice and will not be held to an ERISA fiduciary standard for services rendered hereunder.

#### **2. ERISA Non-Discretionary Fiduciary Services**

**a) Investment Policy Statement** – P&A will assist the Plan in developing a formal, written Investment Policy Statement (“IPS”) or it may review and recommend amendments to the Client relating to the existing IPS. The IPS will contain the standards and processes for selecting and monitoring Plan investments and will set forth the number of general investment options and asset class categories to be offered to Plan participants with a goal of providing a menu of investments that will allow for the creation of well-diversified portfolios through a mix of equity and fixed income exposures. The IPS is subject to the final approval of Client, and P&A does not guarantee that Client will achieve the investment objectives in the IPS.

**b) Investment Recommendations & Performance Monitoring** - Unless the Client elects Additional Services below, P&A will perform the following Non-Discretionary Fiduciary Service as an ERISA fiduciary. P&A will review the investment options available through the Plan and will provide recommendations to the Client to assist the Client in selecting the “core” investments to be offered to Plan participants, including the Plan’s QDIA’s if applicable, that meet the criteria set forth in the Plan’s investment policy statement (“IPS”) that has been approved by the Client. P&A will provide reports on a regular basis that are designed to assist the Client in monitoring the core investment options and may provide recommendations to assist the Client in removing and replacing investments that no longer meet the IPS criteria.

**c) Selection of Qualified Default Investment Alternative (QDIA)** – P&A will recommend to Client an investment fund product or model portfolio meeting the definition of a QDIA in ERISA Regulation 2550.404c-5(e)(3). The QDIA shall be reflected in the IPS. Client retains the sole responsibility to provide all required notices to Participants as required under ERISA section 404(c)(5). P&A makes no representations that the Plan will otherwise be compliant with section 404(c).

*For ERISA Non-Discretionary Fiduciary Services rendered hereunder, P&A acknowledges that it will be acting as a fiduciary to the plan pursuant to ERISA and the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.*

## **B. Additional Services**

### **1. Fiduciary Protection Program™**

**a) Discretionary Investment Management Services** – P&A shall have discretionary investment authority to direct the core investments to be offered to Plan participants in a manner that is consistent with the criteria set forth in the Plan’s investment policy statement (“IPS”) that has been approved by the Client. Such authority will include that necessary to select, monitor, remove, and replace all investment alternatives which constitute the core investment menu. In the event that P&A provides instructions directly to the Plan’s record keeper or third-party administrator with regard to the removal, or replacement of investments, P&A will provide the Client with a report containing the basis for those decisions. In rendering Investment Management Services or any other ERISA Discretionary Fiduciary Service selected below, P&A will act as an ERISA fiduciary and will serve as an investment manager as defined in Section 3(38) of ERISA, and as a fiduciary under the Investment Advisers Act. P&A shall retain final decision making authority with regard to all ERISA Discretionary Fiduciary Services, and the Plan fiduciaries remain responsible for demonstrating that P&A was prudently selected and monitored.

**b) Review of Fiduciary Liability Insurance Coverage** – P&A will work with qualified insurance professionals to review Client’s fiduciary liability coverage. P&A may assist the Client in obtaining additional or replacement insurance if necessary.

**c) Monitoring of Qualified Fiduciary** - The Client is responsible as a Plan fiduciary for selection of P&A as a Plan fiduciary and for monitoring the performance of P&A. To facilitate this responsibility, P&A will provide Client with a structure for the annual review and monitoring of P&A as a Plan fiduciary.

**2. Penniall Private Guidance** – P&A will meet with Plan participants that seek to engage P&A for participant advice services to gather information concerning their retirement investments, time horizon, risk tolerance and investment goals. P&A will review the information and generate individualized investment advice that may include a recommendation to invest in a particular model portfolio, Collective Investment Funds (CIF’s) or percentages to be allocated among a number of the Plan’s core investment options. P&A will not provide recommendations on investments held outside of the plan and the Plan participant retains the sole responsibility to implement the recommendations and to update P&A as to personal financial information. P&A does not guarantee that the Plan participants’ investment objectives will be achieved. Penniall Private Guidance shall be delivered as an ERISA Non-Discretionary Fiduciary Service.

**General Information about Plan and Participant Services** - Fees for these services shall be: 1) on a flat fee basis, 2) on a percentage of a plan’s assets, or 3) on a combination of these methods, as agreed to between P&A and the Plan Sponsor. P&A and Investment Advisory Representatives do not receive additional compensation beyond these fees. If Investment Advisory Representatives, in their separate capacity as registered representatives of United Planners Financial Services (UPFS), are compensated in the form of commissions or 12b-1 fees from the sale of investments to the Plan, P&A shall offset the advisory fee to reflect the additional compensation earned, to the extent permitted by law.

Advisory services provided to retirement plans may be solely provided by Investment Advisory Representatives or in combination with third parties and their retirement plan services. Investment Advisory Representatives may also provide other services to the plan not in the capacity as an Investment Advisory Representative, such as serving as the plan’s third party administrator. P&A shall never have custody of any client funds or securities, as the services of an independent qualified custodian will be used for these asset management services.

**Total Advisory Assets Under Management** - As of 12/31/2016, P&A managed \$374,544,855 on a discretionary basis and \$665,132,676 on a non-discretionary basis.

## Item 5 - Fees and Compensation

**Consulting Services/Financial Planning** - Financial consulting services are offered on either a flat or hourly fee basis through P&A. The firm's flat fee ranges between \$500 and \$10,000 and its hourly fee is \$300. The type and amount of the fees charged to the client will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis, and are predicated on the complexity and scope of services to be provided. An estimate of the total cost will be determined at the start of the advisory relationship and shall be clearly set forth in the agreement for services. Extraordinary research or analysis may involve additional costs, which will be negotiated on an individual basis prior to beginning such work.

In either case, P&A requires that 50% of the fee be paid in advance, with the remaining portion due upon completion of the services rendered. Under no circumstances will P&A require prepayment of a fee more than six months in advance and in excess of \$500, as services will be rendered within six months of receipt of payment.

The client may terminate the consulting agreement within five days of the date of acceptance without penalty to the client. After the five-day period, either party may terminate the agreement by providing written notice to the other party. In the event there are any prepaid unearned fees, P&A will promptly refund a pro rata share to the client.

**MAP Program, 7Twelve Asset Allocation Model, and Fixed Income Portfolio Fees** - The annual advisory fee for the MAP Program Account, 7Twelve Asset Allocation Model and Fixed Income Portfolio is 1.00%. The advisory fee is payable quarterly in advance. P&A's investment advisory representatives have discretion to negotiate the client's fee, and the fee arrangement with each client will be fully disclosed in the Investment Management Agreement each client is required to enter into with P&A.

The initial fee is payable when the MAP Program Account, 7Twelve Asset Allocation or Fixed Income Portfolio account is established, prorated for the first partial quarter, if any, and also for withdrawals and additions in excess of \$25,000 during a quarter. Thereafter, fees will be payable on the first day of each calendar quarter based on the asset value of the Account as of the last business day of the prior quarter. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no advisory fees will be charged on any mutual funds, unit investment trusts or annuities transferred to the Account which were purchased within the past year if a commission was paid to an IAR of P&A in their role as a registered representative of a broker-dealer with respect to such mutual fund, unit investment trust or annuity.

With client authorization, P&A will instruct the custodian to automatically withdraw our advisory fee from the client's account. Qualified Plan clients may alternatively choose to pay by check. All clients will receive brokerage statements from the custodian no less frequently than quarterly. The custodian statement will show the deduction of the advisory fee for those clients who authorize the advisory fees to be withdrawn directly from their custodian account. It is the client's responsibility to verify the accuracy of the fee calculation. The custodian will not determine whether the fee is properly calculated. P&A will send an invoice to all clients who choose not to have advisory fees withdrawn directly from their custodian account. The invoice is payable upon receipt and will include the fee calculation and amount due.

The client may terminate the investment management agreement (the "Agreement") within five days of the date of acceptance without penalty to the client. After the five-day period, either party may terminate the Agreement by providing written notice to the other party. In the event there are any prepaid unearned fees, P&A will promptly refund a pro rata share to the client.

Termination of the Agreement will not affect (i) the validity of any action previously taken by P&A under the Agreement; (ii) liabilities or obligations of the parties from transactions initiated before termination of the Agreement; or (iii) the client's obligation to pay P&A fees that have already been earned under the Agreement. Upon the termination of the Agreement, P&A will not have any continuing obligation to take any action.

Additional information about the MAP, 7Twelve Asset Allocation, or Fixed Income Portfolio programs, including the advisory fees, transaction fees, custodial fees, and other fees that may apply are contained in the P&A Investment Management Agreement which the client is required to sign with P&A.

**Retirement Plan Services Fees** - P&A charges an annualized fee of up to 1.00% of the plan's assets for the pension consulting services described above. In lieu of an asset based fee, P&A may charge a fixed fee ranging from \$6,000 to \$2,000,000. Generally, a fixed-fee will not exceed 1.00% of the plan's assets unless there are special circumstances warranting a higher fee. The type and amount of the fees charged to the client are negotiable and are generally based on the size and complexity of the plan, the number of plan participants, the location of the participants, the estimated number of meetings required, and other factors that may be deemed relevant by P&A when negotiating with the client. An estimate of the total cost will be determined at the start of the advisory relationship. Fees for pension consulting services are generally payable quarterly in advance. Under no circumstance will the firm require prepayment of a fee more than six months in advance and in excess of \$1,200.

The Advisory Fee for plan level services will be billed each calendar quarter (1/4 of annual rate) based upon the market value of the assets in the Plan on the average month-end balance of the plan on the last day of the quarter as valued by the custodian. The Advisory Fee for the initial quarter shall be calculated on a pro rata basis commencing on the day the assets are initially designated for management under this Agreement.

The client may terminate the retirement plan services agreement ("Plan Agreement") within five days of the date of acceptance without penalty to the client. After the five-day period, either party may terminate the Plan Agreement by providing 30 days prior written notice to the other party, and P&A shall be entitled to a pro-rata amount of compensation. Termination of the Plan Agreement will not affect (i) the validity of any action previously taken by P&A under the Plan Agreement; (ii) liabilities or obligations of the parties from transactions initiated before termination of the Plan Agreement; or (iii) the client's obligation to pay P&A fees that have already been earned under the Plan Agreement. Upon the termination of the Plan Agreement, P&A will not have any continuing obligation to take any action.

**Other Fees** - For all managed accounts, P&A's advisory fee includes brokerage commissions incurred in connection with transactions placed for accounts. P&A's advisory fee does not include other custodian fees, including transfer fees, margin charges, and/or other miscellaneous transaction related costs, from the assets in the account. These charges are in addition to the fees client pays to P&A.

Where P&A's advisory fee includes brokerage commissions, P&A is responsible for paying any brokerage commissions incurred in connection with transactions placed for accounts. This presents a conflict of interest with clients by giving P&A an incentive to manage accounts and conduct trading in a manner that limits the brokerage commissions incurred. For the Penniall Portfolios, 7Twelve, and MAP accounts, P&A limits our recommendations to no-transaction fee mutual funds that incur no brokerage commissions. Due to the breadth of no-transaction fee funds available, we believe that this does not meaningfully restrict our portfolio management options and mitigates the conflict.

Advice offered by P&A may involve investment in mutual funds. Clients are advised that all fees paid to P&A for investment advisory services are separate and distinct from the fees and expenses charged by mutual funds (described in each fund's prospectus) to their shareholders. These fees will generally include a management fee and other fund expenses. This represents an additional layer of fees that impacts the investment returns. Further, there may be transaction charges involved with purchasing or selling of securities. P&A does not share in any portion of the brokerage fees/transaction charges imposed by the custodian holding the client funds or securities. The client should review all fees charged by mutual funds, P&A, and others to fully understand the total amount of fees to be paid by the client.

P&A or our associates may receive compensation for the sale of securities or other investment products to clients. See **Item 10 – Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations** for additional information on our practices.

**General Information on Advisory Services and Fees** - Although P&A believes its advisory fees are competitive, lower fees for comparable services may be obtained from other sources. All fees are subject to negotiation.

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

P&A does not charge any performance-based fees (fees based on a share of capital gains on or capital appreciation of the assets of a client).

## **Item 7 - Types of Clients**

P&A offers personalized investment advisory services to individuals, pension and profit sharing plans, trusts, estates, charitable organizations, corporations and other business entities. The firm's services and fee arrangements are described in the proceeding pages.

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

### **a. MAP Portfolios**

#### **1. Methods of Analysis**

P&A's recommendations for the MAP Portfolios will be based on internal analysis, research reports and analysis, and other third party technology-based tools to analyze the performance of mutual funds. The Portfolio Manager may also utilize computer software programs provided by such third-party advisers in providing this advice to clients.

P&A uses commercial software packages such as Portfolio Center and Morningstar in offering advisory services to its clients. Investing in securities involves risk of loss that clients should be prepared to bear.

**The MAP Portfolio Objectives and Risk of Loss**- The objective of the MAP portfolio is to generate the maximum rate of return for a given level of risk. The target return is 5% above a risk-free rate of return (1 year T-Bill rate). The target risk is measured as 5-15% portfolio volatility with an average of about 10%. Thus it would be normal for the MAP portfolios to experience 10% fluctuations within any given year. Risk and returns are somewhat unpredictable and can vary widely from year-to-year. Investing entails risk and there are no assurances the target returns or risk can be achieved.



**Aligning Risk/Reward with the Needs of Investors** - P&A matches a client's risk tolerance and financial goals to an appropriate investment portfolio. MAP is designed to be a moderate risk portfolio and invests approximately 60% in equities and 40% in fixed income. In investment parlance this is a "balanced" portfolio.

**Roles and Responsibilities** - Craig Watanabe is the Portfolio Manager. Craig has been in the financial services industry since 1983, and has earned the CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ (CFP®) and Accredited Investment Fiduciary (AIF®) designations. He is responsible for the design, implementation and monitoring of the MAP portfolios.

## **2. Investment Strategies/Monitoring/Reporting**

**Investment Methodology** - The MAP investment process is a top-down, tactical asset allocation approach. The initial step in the process (top-level) includes forming an overall perspective of the economy and the financial markets. The Portfolio Manager considers current economic and market conditions and develops an economic forecast that may impact markets in the future. The goal is to determine if market conditions are favorable, neutral or negative for the next 6-18 months. An overall aggressive or defensive posture for the portfolios will be dictated by the top-level assessment of market conditions.

The mid-level of analysis will determine which market sectors will be utilized in the portfolio. MAP will have five equally-weighted sectors (20% each), two of which will be fixed income and the remaining three will be equity. Equities generally have higher risk/reward characteristics than fixed income so to accommodate more conservative investors the core MAP portfolio will be combined with an additional fixed income investment that is intended to reduce the overall portfolio risk. Conversely, to create a more aggressive profile the core MAP portfolio will be combined with an additional equity investment.

The analysis will be based on Morningstar Fund Categories and short-term momentum will be the primary selection criteria. Generally, MAP will favor sectors with strong 1-month and 3-month performance but ideally, the Portfolio Manager is looking for "early momentum". Early momentum is strong short-term performance (less than one year). One of the equity positions will be a "core" position from one of the following ten categories:

Large Growth	Large Value	Intl Established Growth	Intl Established Value
Midcap Growth	Midcap Value	Intl Emerging Growth	Intl Emerging Value
Small Cap Growth	Small Cap Value		

The other two equity positions are unconstrained and can be from any Morningstar equity fund categories. For example, two categories which have been used in the past are Japan and Biotechnology.

The bottom level of analysis is where individual funds are selected for investment. MAP uses mutual funds for each of the asset categories. Only one fund will be utilized for each category thus MAP portfolios will typically hold five funds. Fund selection will be similar to asset category selection in that the primary criterion is strong momentum.

## **3. Investment Risk**

P&A does not represent, warrant or imply that the services or methods of analysis employed by us can or will predict future results, successfully identify market tops or bottoms, or insulate clients from losses due to market corrections or declines.

**Risk of Loss** - Investing entails risk of loss which the investor must be willing to bear. The program will invest primarily in mutual fund shares which are not deposits or obligations of, or guaranteed or endorsed by, any bank, and are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Reserve Board, or any other agency of the U.S. government.

**Asset Allocation** - P&A's ability to achieve its investment goal depends greatly upon the asset allocation mix and selecting underlying funds. There is the possibility that P&A's evaluations and assumptions regarding asset classes and underlying funds will not successfully achieve high long-term total return in view of actual market trends. The core principle of asset allocation is diversification. P&A relies heavily upon diversification to minimize investment risk but investment risk cannot be eliminated, and despite our best efforts, is oftentimes challenging to manage within a target range.

**Investing in Underlying Funds** - P&A's investments are concentrated in the underlying mutual funds, therefore the portfolio's performance is directly correlated to the performance of the underlying funds. The ability of the portfolios to achieve their investment goals are directly related to the ability of the underlying funds to meet their investment goals. In addition, investors will indirectly bear the fees and expenses of the underlying funds.

**Management** - The portfolios are subject to management risk because they are actively managed investment portfolios. P&A will apply investment techniques and risk analyses in making investment decisions for the portfolios, but there can be no assurances that these decisions will produce the desired results.

## **b. 7Twelve Asset Allocation Model**

### **1. Methods of Analysis & Monitoring/Reporting**

The 7Twelve allocation is static and all twelve funds are equally weighted. The 7Twelve Asset Allocation Model is managed by an independent advisory firm and licensed to P&A. Funds are reviewed annually for retention and/or replacement and the portfolio is rebalanced at that time.

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## **c. Fixed Income Portfolios**

### **1. Methods of Analysis**

The fixed income portfolios will typically invest in five fixed income mutual funds (20% each) from the categories listed below. The categories are:

- Short-term Bond
- Currency Funds
- Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities
- Government Bond
- High Grade Corporate Bond
- Floating Rate Bond
- Multi-Sector Bond
- High Yield Bond
- International Bond
- Opportunity Sector (unconstrained)

### **2. Investment Risk**

P&A does not represent, warrant or imply that the services or methods of analysis employed by us can or will predict future results, successfully identify market tops or bottoms, or insulate clients from losses due to market corrections or declines.

**Risk of Loss** - Investing entails risk of loss which the investor must be willing to bear. The program will invest primarily in mutual fund shares which are not deposits or obligations of, or guaranteed or endorsed by, any bank, and are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Reserve Board, or any other agency of the U.S. government. The two primary risks in fixed income investments are interest rate risk and default risk.

**Interest Rate Risk** – Bond prices are inversely correlated with interest rates so when rates are declining bonds tend to appreciate and when rates are rising bonds tend to depreciate. Assessing whether interest rates are rising, stable or declining is a critical factor in managing the Fixed Income Portfolios. In stable or declining interest rate environments the portfolio will typically overweight longer maturities but when rates are deemed to be rising maturities would be shortened to minimize interest rate risk.

**Default Risk** – Bonds are loans and there is credit risk if the borrower defaults. Default risk tends to be correlated to the economic cycle and is low when the economy is strong but elevated when the economy is weak. An assessment of the overall economy will impact the extent to which the portfolios are exposed to default risk.

**Investing in Underlying Funds** - P&A's investments are concentrated in the underlying mutual funds, therefore the portfolio's performance is directly correlated to the performance of the underlying funds. The ability of the portfolios to achieve their investment goals is directly related to the ability of the underlying funds to meet their investment goals. In addition, investors will indirectly bear the fees and expenses of the underlying funds.

**Management** - The portfolios are subject to management risk because they are actively managed investment portfolios. P&A will apply investment techniques and risk analyses in making investment decisions for the portfolios, but there can be no assurances that these decisions will produce the desired results.

## **Item 9 - Disciplinary Information**

Registered Investment Advisors are required to disclose all material facts regarding any legal or disciplinary events that would be material to your evaluation of P&A or the integrity of P&A's management. P&A and its management personnel have no legal or material disciplinary events applicable to this Item.

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

**Other Business Activities and Affiliated Firms** – In addition to its investment advisory activities, P&A offers tax preparation and accounting services, health and welfare insurance, and mortgage lending services through associates who are appropriately licensed.

P&A offers tax preparation and accounting services, which are not part of its investment advisory services. Fees for these services are billed separately to the client. Services are performed by P&A employees who are licensed public accountants. P&A itself is not a licensed accounting firm and does not hold itself out as an accounting firm.

PHC, Inc. is a holding company that owns 100% of P&A. David Penniall is the majority shareholder of PHC, Inc.

P&A has an affiliated licensed insurance agency, Penniall Management Company LLC,(PNC) which transacts group and individual insurance plans as well as employee benefits and annuities. PNC is owned 50% by P&A, Inc. and 50% by David Penniall and Dennis Grant.. Insurance activities are also conducted as Penniall Insurance Services.. Certain associates of P&A are also licensed as insurance agents/brokers through Penniall Insurance Services or various insurance companies. As licensed insurance agents/brokers, these associates may offer insurance products to advisory clients and receive normal and customary commissions if a client makes a purchase. This presents a conflict of interest between P&A associates and the client because these associates may have an incentive to recommend insurance products as a result of the commission. When recommending commissionable products to advisory clients, we have a fiduciary duty to recommend products that are in the best interest of the client regardless of whether we are receiving a commission on the product. Clients are under no obligation to act on any insurance recommendations or place any transactions through these insurance agents/brokers if they decide to follow the recommendations.

Penniall Real Estate Services Inc. is a related entity owned by David Penniall and Dennis Grant that provides real estate lending and brokerage services. Mr. Penniall and certain other P&A associates are also licensed real estate agents. Mr. Penniall spends approximately 5% of his time in this capacity. The fees for real estate services are separate and apart from the fees P&A charges for advisory services. The receipt of real estate commissions or fees presents a conflict of interest between Penniall Real Estate Services and the client. Clients are advised that they are under no obligation to act on the recommendations of Penniall Real Estate Services or its associates. Comparable services may be available through other real estate entities at a lower cost.

AWM Capital. LLC (AWM) is a related investment adviser registered with AZ and six other states. AWM is 50% owned by PHC, Inc. and provides wealth management services primarily to professional athletes.

Paragon Sports International, LLC is a related entity owned 80% by Mr. Penniall. It acts as a baseball agency and provides representation services. Fees for these services are separate and apart from the fees P&A charges for advisory services.

Denis Brumm and Joseph Longo, representatives of P&A, are associated with unrelated accounting and law practices. P&A also maintains professional relationships with other unaffiliated firms and may have paid or unpaid referral arrangements with these firms. See **Item 14** for additional information.

**Registered Representatives of Unaffiliated Broker-Dealer** - In addition to their investment advisory activities, P&A's IARs offer retail brokerage services through their affiliation as registered representatives with United Planners Financial Services ("UPFS"). UPFS is a registered broker-dealer and a member of the Financial Industry Regulation Authority ("FINRA") and is not affiliated with P&A. Brokerage products offered through UPFS may include stocks, bonds, mutual funds, ETF's, 529 plans, retirement plans, and other investments. These representatives receive compensation, commissions and/or trailing 12b-1 fees from UPFS for services provided to UPFS's brokerage clients. Should P&A advisory clients implement recommendations through registered representatives of UPFS, the representatives may receive commissions or other transaction-based compensation in addition to the advisory fees P&A receives. This presents a conflict of interest because the representative may have an incentive to recommend UPFS for executing securities transactions or securities for which they receive additional compensation. Commissions paid through UPFS may be higher or lower than at other broker-dealers. Additionally, account maintenance costs and transaction costs may be higher or lower at UPFS than at other broker-dealers. When recommending commissionable products to advisory clients, we have a fiduciary duty to recommend products that are in the best interest of the client regardless of whether we are receiving a commission on the product. If Investment Advisory Representatives, in their separate capacity as registered representatives of UPFS, are compensated in the form of commissions or 12b-1 fees from the sale of investments to the Plan, P&A shall offset the advisory fee to reflect the additional compensation earned, to the extent permitted by law. Clients are under no obligation to act on any recommendations of these individuals or place any transactions through them or through UPFS if they decide to follow their recommendations.

P&A conducts its investment advisory activities separate and apart from the advisory activities of UPFS; however, P&A's IAR's are Registered Representatives of UPFS, which necessitates that UPFS keep and maintain certain records and perform other compliance functions in relation to the advisory activities of P&A. These obligations require UPFS to coordinate with and have the cooperation of certain custodians and/or broker-dealers. Accordingly, UPFS has established a list of custodian or brokerage firms in which P&A client assets may be placed, and P&A client custodial choices will be limited to that list. Please note not all P&A advisors are affiliated with UPFS.

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

P&A or individuals associated with the firm may buy or sell for their personal account(s) investment products identical to those recommended to clients. In addition, a related person may have a position in a certain security or securities which may also be recommended to the clients.

In some instances, these situations may create either actual or perceived conflicts of interest. As such, P&A has established the following restrictions:

A director, officer or IAR shall not buy or sell securities for their personal portfolio(s) where their decision is substantially derived, in whole or in part, by reason of his or her affiliation with P&A or UPFS, unless the information is also available to the investing public on reasonable inquiry. No person shall prefer his or her own interest to that of the advisory clients.

All clients are fully informed that certain individuals may receive separate compensation when effecting transactions during the implementation process.

P&A and its employees generally may not participate in private placements or initial public offerings (IPOs) without pre-clearance from the firm's Compliance Officer.

P&A respects the right of clients to specify investment objectives, guidelines, and/or conditions/restrictions on the overall management of their accounts.

Records will be maintained of all securities or insurance products bought or sold by the firm, associated persons of the firm and related entities. A principal of P&A, or a qualified representative of the firm, reviews these records on a quarterly basis.

P&A requires that all individuals must act in accordance with all applicable Federal and State regulations governing registered investment advisory practices.

Any individual not in observance of the above may be subject to termination.

The full text of the Firm's Code of Ethics is available to you upon request.

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

It is P&A's policy that the firm will not affect any principal or agency cross securities transactions for client accounts. P&A will also not cross trades between client accounts. Principal transactions are generally defined as transactions where an adviser, acting as principal for its own account or the account of an affiliated broker-dealer, buys from or sells any security to any advisory client. A principal transaction may also be deemed to have occurred if a security is crossed between an affiliated hedge fund and another client account. An agency cross transaction is defined as a transaction where a person acts as an investment adviser in relation to a transaction in which the investment adviser, or any person controlled by or under common control with the investment adviser, acts as broker for both the advisory client and for another person on the other side of the transaction. Agency cross transactions may arise where an adviser is dually registered as a broker-dealer or has an affiliated broker-dealer.

**Privacy Policies** - The firm views protecting its customer's private information as a top priority and, pursuant to the requirements of the federal Gramm Leach Bliley Act, the firm has instituted policies and procedures to ensure that customer information is kept private and secure.

The firm does not disclose any non-public information about its customers or former customers to any nonaffiliated third parties, except as permitted by law. In the course of servicing a client's account, the firm may share some information with its service providers, such as transfer agents, custodians, broker-dealers, accountants, and lawyers. The firm may also share client information where the client is receiving services from entities with which P&A has a referral relationship (see **Item 14**).

The firm restricts internal access to nonpublic personal information about the client to those associated persons of the firm who need access to that information in order to provide services to the client. It is the firm's policy to never sell information about current or former customers or their accounts to anyone. It is also the firm's policy not to share information unless required to process a transaction, at the request of the customer or as required by law.

P&A's clients or prospective clients may request a copy of the firm's Privacy Policies by contacting Craig Watanabe.

## **Item 12 - Brokerage Practices**

**Suggestion of Broker** – MAP, 7Twelve, and Fixed Income Portfolio clients requesting that P&A implement investment recommendations and advice will have TD Ameritrade (TDA) recommended to them. In order for P&A to facilitate securities transactions, the client must agree to open an account(s) with TDA for custody of securities, trade execution, and clearance and settlement of transactions. P&A participates in the TDA Institutional program. TD Ameritrade Institutional is a division of TD Ameritrade, Inc., (TDA) member FINRA/SIPC/NFA. TDA is an independent and unaffiliated SEC-registered broker-dealer. TD Ameritrade offers to independent investment Advisors services which include custody of securities, trade execution, clearance and settlement of transactions. P&A receives some benefit from TDA through its participation in the program. Please refer to additional disclosures on TDA in the Client Referrals and Other Compensation section below.

P&A places all of its securities transactions with TDA and then periodically evaluates its relationship to see if they are competitive with other services available. This could mean that in a specific circumstance, a client could pay a higher commission on a trade placed with TDA than they would if the applicant had arrangements with several broker/dealers and could compare costs on each transaction. In deciding to use TDA and in deciding to continue using TDA, P&A has considered and continues to consider the full range and quality of services, including, among other things, execution capability, commission rate, financial responsibility, responsiveness to the adviser and research services. Research received directly or indirectly from TDA may be used to service some or all of P&A's clients.

IARs of P&A, who are registered representatives of UPFS, are subject to FINRA Conduct Rule 3040, which may restrict such registered individuals from conducting securities transactions away from UPFS, unless UPFS provides the representative with written authorization. Therefore, the client is advised that IARs may be limited to conducting securities transactions through UPFS or through TDA.

Although P&A does not have the authority to determine the broker dealer or dealer used in executing client transactions without obtaining specific client consent, certain programs that P&A sponsors do require the use of certain brokers to execute transactions. There is no requirement that a client use such broker as P&A recommends; however, P&A reserves the right to not accept a client account if the client wishes to select a broker or dealer other than TDA.

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

**Account Reviews** – Managed accounts will be reviewed internally on a regular basis and rebalanced as required. For non-qualified accounts the firm may tax harvest at any time on an as needed basis. Reviews are conducted by IARs of the firm.

Unusual economic, industry or individual investment developments may trigger a review. Changes in a client's situation, such as investment goals, financial position, marriage, divorce, death, change in employment, birth of a child, retirement, etc. may also trigger the need for additional reviews.

**Account Reporting** - All investment management services clients receive statements from their custodians on either a monthly or quarterly basis. These reports will show the current market values and transactions during the past month or quarter as well as interest, dividends and capital gains for the reporting period.

P&A generally provides clients with quarterly performance reports of their MAP, 7Twelve and Fixed Income Program Accounts. Reports may not be provided to clients whose accounts are not charged fees (courtesy accounts) or who have customized portfolios, or as agreed upon with the client.

P&A generally provides retirement plan clients with investment monitoring reports on a quarterly basis. Annual fee benchmarking reports are provided upon request or as needed.

P&A may also provide financial planning clients with annual updates of their financial situation, as agreed upon with the client.

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

**TDA Support Products and Services** - As disclosed under Item 12 above, P&A participates in TD Ameritrade's institutional customer program and may recommend TD Ameritrade to Clients for custody and brokerage services. There is no direct link between P&A's participation in the TDA Institutional program and the investment advice it gives to its clients, although P&A receives economic benefits through its participation in the program that are typically not available to TDA retail investors. These benefits include the following products and services (provided without cost or at a discount): duplicate client statements and confirmations; research related products and tools; consulting services; access to a trading desk serving advisor participants; access to block trading (which provides the ability to aggregate securities transactions for execution and then allocate the appropriate shares to client accounts); the ability to have advisory fees deducted directly from client accounts; access to an electronic communications network for client order entry and account information; access to mutual funds with no transaction fees and to certain institutional money managers; and discounts on compliance, marketing, research, technology, and practice management products or services provided to P&A by third party vendors. TDA may also have paid for business consulting and professional services received by P&A's related persons and may also pay or reimburse expenses (including travel, lodging, meals and entertainment expenses) for P&A personnel to attend conferences or meetings relating to the program or to TDA's advisor custody and brokerage services. Some of the products and services made available by TDA through the program may benefit P&A but may not benefit its client accounts. These products or services may assist us in managing and administering our client accounts, including accounts not maintained at TDA. Other services made available by TDA are intended to help us manage and further develop its business enterprise. The benefits received by P&A or its personnel through participation in the program do not depend on the amount of brokerage transactions directed to TDA. Clients should be aware, however, that the receipt of economic benefits by P&A or its related persons in and of itself creates a potential conflict of interest and may indirectly influence P&A's recommendation of TDA for custody and brokerage services. No ERISA accounts are custodied at TDA therefore no prohibited transactions exist per ERISA Rule 406.

P&A also receives from TDA certain additional economic benefits ("Additional Services") that may or may not be offered to any other independent investment advisors participating in the program. Specifically, the Additional Services include payment coverage for Morningstar (investment analysis and research), FINA Connect (qualified plan monitoring and reporting), OutSourceThis! (data reconciliation), Trade Warrior (trading program), Fiduciary Benchmarks, Inc. (benchmarking services) and Modestspark. TDA provides the Additional Services to P&A in its sole discretion and at its own expense, and P&A does not pay any fees to TDA for the Additional Services. P&A and TDA have entered into a separate agreement ("Additional Services Addendum") to govern the terms of the provision of the Additional Services.

P&A's receipt of Additional Services raises potential conflicts of interest. In providing Additional Services to us, TDA most likely considers the amount and profitability to TDA of the assets in, and trades placed for, our client accounts maintained with TDA. TDA has the right to terminate the Additional Services Addendum with us, in its sole discretion, provided certain conditions are met. Consequently, in order to continue to obtain the Additional Services from TDA, we may have an incentive to recommend to our clients that the assets under management by P&A be held in custody with TDA and to place transactions for client accounts with TDA. P&A's receipt of Additional Services does not diminish its duty to act in the best interests of its clients, including to seek best execution of trades for client accounts.

**Compensation for Client Referrals** - P&A or its representatives receive commissions for offering securities and insurance products and placing mortgage loans (purchase, refinance) through a licensed mortgage broker and referral fees for real estate services (purchase, sale, lease) through an affiliated licensed real estate broker. These activities and affiliations are discussed in **Item 10**.

Occasionally, P&A will send a thank you gift -- i.e. a gift basket -- to an individual or company for an advisory client referral. The value of this gift will not exceed \$100 per individual or company per year.

P&A may refer clients to unaffiliated professionals for a variety of services, and in turn, these professionals may refer clients to P&A. P&A may receive or pay monetary compensation based on referrals to and from unaffiliated providers. This presents a conflict, in that P&A has an incentive to recommend services of firms who refer clients to P&A or pay P&A for referrals. P&A only refers clients to professionals it believes are competent and qualified in their field; however, it is ultimately the client's responsibility to evaluate the provider. Clients are under no obligation to purchase any products or services through these professionals, and P&A has no control over the services provided by another firm. Clients who chose to engage these professionals will sign a separate agreement with the other firm. Fees charged by the other firm are separate from and in addition to fees charged by P&A. P&A does not share information with an unaffiliated provider unless first authorized by the client.

P&A maintains a reciprocal referral relationship with Brumm & Associates, Inc. ("Brumm"), an accounting and financial services firm owned by Denis Brumm, who is also an associate of P&A. Through this relationship, clients of Brumm are referred to P&A for advisory related services and clients of P&A are referred to Brumm for tax and accounting services. P&A will receive from Brumm a one-time fee equal to 10% of the client's financial service fees as compensation for referring clients in need of financial services to Brumm. Any fees clients pay to Brumm for services rendered are separate and distinct from the compensation received by P&A for investment advisory services. Comparable services may be available through other accounting firms for a lower cost. As compensation for referring clients to P&A for advisory related services, the firm will share 40% of its advisory fees with Brumm on an ongoing basis. P&A and Brumm also maintain a commission sharing arrangement in instances where Brumm refers clients in need of insurance products to the firm.

P&A has a Solicitors Agreement with SullivanCurtisMonroe and UPFS and pays solicitors fees per the terms of said agreements. In each case where a solicitors fee will be paid, the client will be provided a copy of the solicitor's disclosure statement.

P&A maintains a referral relationship with an estate planning attorney, Joseph Longo, who is also an associate of P&A. While P&A does not directly receive compensation for referrals made, P&A does provide services in connection with the referral, including data gathering, and gets paid a fee for these services.

## **Item 15 - Custody**

P&A does not take custody physical of client accounts and assets. TDA maintains actual custody of client assets. Under government regulations, we are deemed to have custody of your assets if you authorize us to instruct TDA to deduct our advisory fees directly from your account. You will receive account statements directly from TDA at least quarterly. They will be sent to the email or postal mailing address you provided to TDA.

P&A urges you to carefully review those statements and compare them to the periodic reports you receive from P&A. Our reports may vary from custodial statements based on accounting procedures, reporting dates, or valuation methodologies of certain securities.

## **Item 16 - Investment Discretion**

P&A usually receives discretionary authority from the client at the outset of an advisory relationship to select the identity and amount of securities to be bought or sold. Clients grant P&A discretionary authority in the contracts they sign. In all cases, however, such discretion is to be exercised in a manner consistent with the stated investment objectives for the particular client account.

When selecting securities and determining amounts, P&A observes the investment policies, limitations and restrictions of the clients for which it advises. Investment guidelines and restrictions must be provided to P&A in writing.

## **Item 17 - Voting Client Securities**

Clients will make all of the decisions regarding corporate actions and the exercise of proxy voting rights with respect to the securities held in the client's account, and P&A will accept authority to vote proxies on behalf of client accounts. P&A may, on rare occasions and only at the client's request, offer clients advice regarding corporate actions and the exercise of proxy voting rights. Clients may call us if they have questions about a particular solicitation. P&A will not be deemed to have proxy voting authority solely as a result of providing advice or information about a particular proxy vote to a client. Clients will receive their proxies or other solicitations directly from their custodian or a transfer agent.

## **Item 18 - Financial Information**

Registered investment advisers are required in this Item to provide you with certain financial information or disclosures about P&A's financial condition. P&A has no financial commitment that impairs its ability to meet contractual and fiduciary commitments to clients, and has not been the subject of a bankruptcy proceeding.



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## Brochure Supplement

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This Brochure Supplement provides information about the above advisory representatives that supplements the PENNIALL & ASSOCIATES, INC. (herein after referred to as “P&A”) Brochure. You should have received a copy of the Brochure. Please contact us at 626-795-3062 and/or [slevin@penniall.com](mailto:slevin@penniall.com) if you did not receive P&A’s Brochure or if you have any questions about the contents of this Supplement.

Additional information about the individuals above is available on the SEC’s website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).



## Item 2 - Educational Background and Business Experience

**Craig R. Watanabe, CFP®, AIF®, CSCP®**

Year of Birth: 1958

Formal Education After High School:

- University of California, Los Angeles, BS Biology 1981.

Entered Financial Services Industry in 1983

Professional Designations:\*

- Certified Financial Planner™ (CFP®)
- Accredited Investment Fiduciary® (AIF®)
- Certified Securities Compliance Professional® (CSCP®)

Business Background Previous Five Years:

- Penniall & Associates, Investment Advisor Representative, 09/2009 – Present.
- Advisor Solutions Group, Senior Compliance Consultant 07/2014 – 04/2015
- Penniall & Associates, Chief Compliance Officer, 04/2013 – 06-2014.
- Penniall & Associates, Financial Advisor, 06/2008 – 09/2009.
- Pension Architects Advisory Group, LLC, Chief Compliance Officer, 03/2013 – 08.2013.
- Pension Architects Advisory Group, LLC, Investment Adviser Representative, 08/2008 – 08/2013.
- United Planners Financial Services, Registered Representative, 10/2009 – Present.
- NRP Financial, Inc., Registered Representative, 06/2008 - 10/2009
- Western International Securities, Inc., COO/CCO 07/1996 - 06/2008

\*Professional Designation Requirements:

- Certified Financial Planner™ (CFP®): Successful completion of CFP-board registered program and successful passing of 2-day closed book exam. Prerequisites: Bachelor degree and minimum 3 years full-time relevant personal financial planning experience. Continuing Education: 30 hours every 2 years.
- Accredited Investment Fiduciary® (AIF®): Completion of Web-based or Capstone program plus minimum score of 75% on closed book exam. No prerequisite. Continuing Education: 6 hours per year.
- Certified Securities Compliance Professional® (CSCP®): Successful completion of self -study program, successfully pass CSCP exam. Prerequisites: Bachelor degree plus 3 years securities compliance experience or minimum of five years in securities compliance, and CSCP Credential Application approval. Continuing Education: 20 hours every 2 years.

## Item 3 - Disciplinary Information

Craig Watanabe has no legal or material disciplinary events applicable to this Item.

## Item 4 - Other Business Activities

- Craig Watanabe is associated with United Planners Financial Services (UPFS) as a Registered Representative. UPFS is a registered broker-dealer and a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). As a UPFS Registered Representative, Craig may offer clients the option to purchase securities and investment products distributed by that firm including, but not limited to, mutual funds, variable annuities, variable life insurance, stocks and bonds, and limited partnerships. Receipt of commissions and sales-based compensation creates a conflict of interest because it gives Mr. Watanabe an incentive to recommend investment products based on the compensation received, rather than on the client's needs. If a client purchases or sells securities products from Craig in this capacity, then he may receive commissions and related compensation, such as mutual fund service fees (12b-1 fees). Clients are under no obligation to purchase recommended securities products through UPFS or Craig Watanabe.
- Craig Watanabe is a licensed insurance agent appointed with various insurance companies. As a licensed insurance agent, Craig may offer investment advisory clients the option to purchase insurance products. If a client purchases insurance products through Craig, he will receive commission and related compensation such as insurance trail fees as a result of the sale. Receipt of commissions and sales-based compensation creates a conflict of interest because it gives Mr. Watanabe an incentive to recommend investment products based on the compensation received, rather than on the client's needs. Clients are under no obligation to purchase recommended insurance products through UPFS or Craig Watanabe.
- Craig Watanabe is a licensed and bonded tax preparer. He charges separate fees for tax preparation. Clients are under no obligation to utilize the tax preparation services offered by Craig Watanabe.
- Craig is a Notary Public. He does not charge fees for this service and performs notarial acts as an accommodation for clients.

## Item 5 - Additional Compensation

Craig Watanabe receives additional compensation as indicated in Item 4 above.

**Item 6 - Supervision**

Craig Watanabe is supervised by David R. Penniall, CFP®, AIF®, who can be reached at 626-795-3062. Investment decisions and directions are made by the Portfolio Manager as described in “Methods of Analysis” in the front section of this brochure.