

# Form ADV Part 3 – Client Relationship Summary

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## Item 1: Introduction

Independent Wealth Advisor is an investment adviser registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission offering advisory accounts and services. Brokerage and investment advisory services and fees differ, and it is important that you understand the differences. This document gives you a summary of the types of services and fees we offer. Please visit [www.investor.gov/CRS](http://www.investor.gov/CRS) for free, simple tools to research firms and financial professionals, as well as educational materials about broker-dealers, investment advisers, and investing.

## Item 2: Relationships and Services

What investment services and advice can you provide me? Our firm primarily offers the following investment advisory services to retail clients: portfolio management via a wrap fee program (we review your portfolio, investment strategy, and investments); financial planning (we assess your financial situation and provide advice to meet your goals). As part of our standard services, we typically monitor client accounts on a quarterly basis. Our firm offers both discretionary advisory services (where our firm makes the decision regarding the purchase or sale of investments) as well as non-discretionary services (where the retail investor makes the ultimate decision). We limit the types of investments that are recommended since not every type of investment vehicle is needed to create an appropriate portfolio, but do not limit these investments to proprietary products. Our minimum account size is \$10,000. Please also see our Form ADV Part 2A ("[Brochure](#)"), specifically Items 4 & 7.

***Questions to ask us:** Given my financial situation, should I choose an investment advisory service? Why or why not? How will you choose investments to recommend to me? What is your relevant experience, including your licenses, education and other qualifications? What do these qualifications mean?*

## Item 3: Fees, Costs, Conflicts, and Standard of Conduct

What fees will I pay? Our fees vary depending on the services you receive. Additionally, the amount of assets in your account affects our advisory fee; the more assets you have in your advisory account, the more you will pay us and thus we have an incentive to increase those assets in order to increase our fee. Our fixed fee arrangements are based on the amount of work we expect to perform for you, so material changes in that amount of work will affect the advisory fee we quote you. Portfolio management fees are withdrawn directly from the client's accounts with client's written authorization on a quarterly basis. Fees are paid in advance. Financial planning fees are paid via check and wire. Fixed financial planning fees are paid 0-100% in advance, but never more than six months in advance, with the remainder due upon presentation of the plan or can be paid monthly as negotiated with the client. You pay our fees even if you do not have any transactions and the advisory fee paid to us generally does not vary based on the type of investments selected. Please also see Items 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 of our [Brochure](#).

Some investments (e.g., mutual funds, variable annuities, etc.) impose additional fees (e.g., transactional fees and product-level fees) that reduce the value of your investment over time. The same goes for any additional fees you pay to a custodian. For the wrap fee program, you will not typically pay additional transaction fees and thus our advisory fee is higher than if you paid transaction fees separately. **You will pay fees and costs whether you make or lose money on your investments. Fees and costs will reduce any amount of money you make on your investments over time. Please make sure you understand what fees and costs you are paying.** Please also see our [Brochure](#) for additional details.

***Questions to ask us:** Help me understand how these fees and costs might affect my investments. If I give you \$10,000 to invest, how much will go to fees and costs, and how much will be invested for me?*

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What are your legal obligations to me when acting as my investment adviser? How else does your firm make money and what conflicts of interest do you have? When we act as your investment adviser, we have to act in your best interest and not put our interest ahead of yours. At the same time, the way we make money creates some conflicts with your interests. You should understand and ask us about these conflicts because they can affect the investment advice we provide you. Here are some examples to help you understand what this means:

- Our financial professionals can receive commissions and therefore have an incentive to recommend products that provide them or us additional compensation over those that do not
- For AUM fees, the more assets you have in your advisory account, the more you will pay us and thus we have an incentive to increase those assets in order to increase our fee
- For fixed fees, the more work we expect to perform for you, the higher our fee would be and thus we have an incentive for you to agree to have us complete more work for you

**Questions to ask us:** *How might your conflicts of interest affect me, and how will you address them?*

How do your financial professionals make money? Primarily, we and our financial professionals receive cash compensation from the advisory services we provide to you because of the advisory fees we receive from you. This compensation may vary based on different factors, such as those listed above in this Item. Our financial professionals also have the ability to receive commissions from clients and therefore have an incentive to recommend products that provide them or us additional compensation over those that do not. Because we manage your portfolio in a wrap fee program, we have an incentive to limit trading in your account and to favor asset types that do not have a transaction fee in order to minimize trading expenses that we would have to normally pay out of our management fee. Please also see Item 10 of our [Brochure](#) for additional details.

## Item 4: Disciplinary History

Do you or your financial professionals have legal or disciplinary history? No, we do not have legal and disciplinary events. Visit [www.investor.gov/CRS](http://www.investor.gov/CRS) for a free, simple search tool to research us and our financial professionals.

**Questions to ask us:** *As a financial professional, do you have any disciplinary history? For what type of conduct?*

## Item 5: Additional Information

For additional information on our advisory services, see our [Brochure](#) available at <https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/summary/328786> and any individual brochure supplement your representative provides. If you have any questions, need additional information, or want another copy of this Client Relationship Summary, then please contact us at 919-749-7596.

**Questions to ask us:** *Who is my primary contact person? Is he or she a representative of an investment adviser or a broker-dealer? Who can I talk to if I have concerns about how this person is treating me?*