

Firm Brochure
(Part 2A of Form ADV)

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Material Changes

Annual Update

The Material Changes section of this brochure will be updated annually when material changes occur since the previous release of the Firm Brochure.

Material Changes since the Last Update

On April 20, 2012, we amended Item 4 of our Form ADV Brochure to disclose the new ownership structure of the firm..

Full Brochure Available

Whenever you would like to receive a complete copy of our Firm Brochure, please contact us by telephone at: (503) 242-1715 or by email at: compliance@silveroak.net.

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Advisory Business

Firm Description

SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP was founded in 1991.

SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP provides personalized confidential financial planning and investment management to individuals, pension and profit sharing plans, trusts, estates, charitable organizations and small businesses. We give advice through consultation with the client and projects may include: determination of financial objectives, identification of financial problems, cash flow management, tax planning, insurance review, investment management, education funding, retirement planning, and estate planning. Investment advice is an integral part of financial planning.

SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP is strictly a fee-only financial planning and investment management firm. The firm does not sell annuities, insurance, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, limited partnerships, or other commissioned products. The firm is not affiliated with entities that sell financial products or securities. No commissions in any form are accepted. No finder's fees are accepted.

Our primary investment strategy is based on the critical influence of the asset allocation of a portfolio. We believe it is the particular mix of fixed income and equity investments that explains and produces a portfolio's rate of return and degree of fluctuations in value. We study research and utilize software to design mixes of asset classes whose correlation coefficients act to obtain the most return per unit of acceptable fluctuation or risk. "Correlation coefficients" means that one asset class will have a different pattern of return from another asset class; in simple terms, one investment may be going up in value while another is going down. The goal is to have a mix so the entire portfolio is not going down at the same time, while growing at a desired rate.

We provide investment advice, with the client making the final decision on investment selections. SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP does not act as a custodian of client assets nor take discretion over client funds. The client always maintains asset control. SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP places trades for clients under a limited power of attorney.

An evaluation of each client's initial situation is provided to the client. Periodic reviews are also communicated to provide reminders of the specific courses of action that need to be taken. More frequent reviews occur but are not necessarily communicated to the client unless immediate changes are recommended.

Other professionals (e.g., lawyers, accountants, insurance agents, etc.) are engaged directly by the client on an as-needed basis. Conflicts of interest will be disclosed to the client in the unlikely event they should occur.

The initial meeting, which may be by telephone, is free of charge and is considered an exploratory interview to determine the extent to which financial planning and investment management may be beneficial to the client.

This brochure provides information about our investment advisory services.

Principal Owners

SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP is owned by the following individuals:

- Deborah L. Thomas, Founder owns 60% of the firm.
- Jessica M. Howe, President, owns 20% of the firm.
- Benjamin E. Gilbert, Secretary and Treasurer owns 20% of the firm.

Types of Advisory Services

SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP provides investment supervisory services, also known as asset management services; furnishes investment advice through consultations; and provides client education on investment and financial planning issues.

SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP also furnishes advice to clients on matters not involving securities, such as financial planning matters.

As of January 1, 2011, SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP manages approximately \$100 million in assets for 110 clients on a non-discretionary basis.

Tailored Relationships

Services are tailored for each client relationship. For management clients, investment policy statements are created that reflect the stated goals and objectives for the portfolio. Clients may impose restrictions on investing in certain securities or types of securities.

Agreements may not be assigned without client consent.

Types of Services

The following agreements define the typical client relationships.

Financial Planning

SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP designs and produces financial plans to help clients with all aspects of financial planning, without ongoing investment management.

The financial plan may include some or all of these: a review of investment accounts, including reviewing asset allocation and providing repositioning recommendations; strategic tax planning; a review of retirement accounts and plans including recommendations; a review of insurance policies and recommendations for further advice, if necessary; one or more retirement scenarios; estate planning review and recommendations; and education planning with funding recommendations.

We provide detailed investment advice and specific recommendations as part of a financial plan. It is up to the client to implement the recommendations or not.

The fee for a financial plan is based upon the facts known at the start of the engagement and the complexity of the project. Financial planning services are billed at the rate of \$150 to \$300 per hour, or a flat fee agreed upon and set forth in the Financial Planning Agreement.

In the event that the client's situation is substantially different than disclosed at the initial meeting, a revised fee will be provided for mutual agreement. The client must approve the change of scope in advance of the additional work being performed when a fee increase is necessary.

After delivery of a financial plan, future face-to-face meetings may be scheduled as necessary for up to one month.

Portfolio Management

Clients may choose to have SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP manage their assets in order to obtain ongoing portfolio management and financial life planning. Realistic and measurable goals are set and objectives to reach those goals are defined. As goals and objectives change over time, suggestions are made and implemented on an ongoing basis.

Our primary investment strategy is based on the critical influence of the asset allocation of a portfolio. We study research and utilize software to design mixes of asset classes whose correlation coefficients act to obtain the most return per unit of acceptable fluctuation or risk. Assets are invested primarily in no-load mutual funds and exchange-traded funds, usually

through discount brokers or fund companies. A "buy and hold" strategy with regular re-balancing keeps the trading costs down and the allocation in line over time.

Investments may also include: equities (stocks), corporate debt securities, certificates of deposit, municipal securities, investment company securities (variable life insurance, variable annuities, and mutual funds shares), and U.S. government securities. Initial public offerings (IPOs) are not available through SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP.

The scope of work and fee for a Portfolio Management Agreement is provided to the client in writing prior to the start of the relationship. A Management Agreement includes: cash flow assistance; portfolio management and performance reporting; necessary financial planning; and assistance with the implementation of recommendations within each area.

The annual Portfolio Management Agreement fee is based on a percentage of the managed assets according to the following schedule:

0.95% on the first \$1,000,000;
0.60% on the assets above \$1,000,000

The minimum annual fee is \$4,000 or \$6,000, depending on the size and complexity of the engagement. Fees are generally negotiable and may be less for assets over \$5 million and for non-profit and long-term clients. Current client relationships may exist where the fees are lower than the fee schedule above.

Hourly Planning

SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP provides hourly planning services for clients who need advice on a limited scope of work. The hourly rate for limited scope engagements is \$150 - \$300.

Fees and Compensation

Description

SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP bases its fees on a percentage of assets under management, hourly charges, or fixed fees.

Financial plans are priced according to the degree of complexity associated with the client's situation. Investment management fees may vary based on the type of account, the number of accounts, and the total value of the portfolio.

Clients may implement the investment recommendations provided by SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP in a financial plan with other brokers or money managers that are not affiliated with our firm, or on their own.

Fee Billing

Investment management fees are billed quarterly, in arrears, meaning that we invoice you after the three-month billing period has ended. Payment in full is expected upon invoice presentation. Fees are usually deducted from a designated client account to facilitate billing, with the client's consent.

Fees for financial plans are billed \$500 in advance, with the balance due upon delivery of the financial plan.

Other Fees

Custodians may charge transaction fees on purchases or sales of certain mutual funds and exchange-traded funds. These transaction charges are usually small and incidental to the purchase or sale of a security. The selection of the security is more important than the nominal fee that the custodian charges to buy or sell the security.

SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP, in its sole discretion, may waive its minimum fee and/or charge a lesser investment advisory fee based upon certain criteria (e.g., non-profit clients, length of relationship, type of assets, dollar amounts of assets to be managed, related accounts, account composition).

Expense Ratios

Mutual funds and exchange traded funds generally charge a management fee for their services to run the fund. The management fee is called an expense ratio. For example, an expense ratio of 0.50% means that the mutual fund company charges one-half of one percent annually for their services. These fees are in addition to the fees paid by you to SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP.

Performance figures quoted by mutual fund companies in various publications are after their fees have been deducted.

Past Due Accounts and Termination of Agreement

The client or the investment manager may terminate an agreement by 30 days written notice to the other party. At termination, fees will be billed on a pro rata basis for the portion of the quarter completed. The portfolio value at the completion of the prior full billing quarter is used as the basis for the fee computation, adjusted for the number of days during the billing quarter prior to termination.

SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP reserves the right to stop work on any account that is more than 60 days overdue. In addition, SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP reserves the right to terminate any financial planning engagement where a client has willfully concealed or has refused to provide pertinent information about financial situations when necessary and appropriate, in SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP's judgment, to providing proper financial advice. Any unused portion of fees collected in advance will be refunded within 60 days.

Performance-Based Fees

Sharing of Capital Gains

Fees are not based on a share of the capital gains or capital appreciation of managed securities.

SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP does not use a performance-based fee structure because of the potential conflict of interest. Performance-based compensation may create an incentive for the adviser to recommend an investment that may carry a higher degree of risk than is suitable for the client.

Types of Clients

Description

SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP generally provides investment advice to individuals, pension and profit sharing plans, trusts, estates, charitable organizations, corporations or business entities.

Client relationships vary in scope and length of service. As of 2011, our average client tenure was eight years.

Account Minimums

For ongoing portfolio management services, SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP charges a minimum annual fee of \$4,000 or \$6,000, depending on the size and complexity of the engagement.

Methods of Analysis, Investment Strategies and Risk of Loss

Methods of Analysis

The main sources of information for security analysis include professional investment research and reports, financial books, publications and professional journals, Morningstar Principia mutual fund and stock information, Charles Schwab & Company, and the World Wide Web.

Investment Strategy

Our primary investment strategy is based on the critical influence of the asset allocation of a portfolio. We believe it is the particular mix of fixed income and equity investments that explains and produces a portfolio's rate of return and degree of fluctuations in value. We study research and utilize software to design mixes of asset classes whose correlation coefficients act to obtain the most return per unit of acceptable fluctuation or risk. "Correlation coefficients" means that one asset class will have a different pattern of return from another asset class; in simple terms, one investment may be going up in value while another is going down. The goal is to have a mix so the entire portfolio is not going down at the same time, while growing at a desired rate.

Portfolios are globally diversified across major asset classes of fixed income and equities to minimize the risk associated with traditional markets. Assets are invested primarily in no-load mutual funds and exchange-traded funds, usually through discount brokers or fund companies. A "buy and hold" strategy with regular re-balancing keeps the trading costs down and the allocation in line over time.

The investment allocation for a specific client is individually designed, and is based upon the objectives stated by the client during consultations. The client may change these objectives at any time. Each client executes an Investment Policy Statement that documents their objectives and their desired investment strategy. We do not use "model" portfolios or allocations.

Risk of Loss

SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP does not want a client to take on more risk than they need to, to meet their financial goals. However, all investments have certain risks that are borne by the investor; there is no "risk free" investment. Our investment approach constantly keeps the risk of loss in mind.

Investors face the following investment risks, which SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP attempts to minimize through prudent portfolio diversification:

- **Interest-rate Risk:** Changes in interest rates may cause investment prices to fluctuate. For example, when interest rates rise for new bonds, the market value lower yielding older bonds can decline. If you wanted to sell that older bond before its maturity date, you might get less than what you paid for it. If however interest rates are lower for new bonds, someone may be willing to pay you more for your older, higher-yielding, bond.

- **Market Risk:** The price of any security may drop in reaction to tangible and intangible events and conditions. This type of risk is associated with external factors such as political, economic and social conditions. These events can result in market declines, even though the underlying security is financially unchanged.
- **Inflation Risk:** When any type of inflation is present, a dollar in the future will not buy as much as a dollar today, because purchasing power is eroding at the rate of inflation.
- **Currency Risk:** Overseas investments are subject to fluctuations in the value of the dollar against the currency of the investment's originating country. This is also referred to as exchange rate risk.
- **Reinvestment Risk:** This is the risk that future proceeds from investments may have to be reinvested at a potentially lower rate of return (i.e. interest rate). This primarily relates to fixed income securities.
- **Business Risk:** These risks are associated with a particular industry or a particular company within an industry. For example, oil-drilling companies depend on finding oil and then refining it, a lengthy process, before they can generate a profit. They carry a higher risk of profitability than an electric company, which generates its income from a steady stream of customers who buy electricity no matter what the economic environment is like. This primarily relates to equities or stocks.
- **Liquidity Risk:** Liquidity is the ability to readily convert an investment into cash. Generally, assets are more liquid if many buyers are available on short notice or if it is a standardized product. For example, Treasury Bills are highly liquid, while individual real estate properties are not.
- **Financial Risk:** Excessive borrowing to finance a business' operations decreases its profitability, because the company must meet the terms of its obligations in good times and bad. During periods of financial stress, the inability to meet loan obligations may result in bankruptcy and/or a declining market value.

Disciplinary Information

Legal and Disciplinary

SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP and its employees have not been involved in legal or disciplinary events related to any past or present investment clients. No criminal or civil actions or administrative proceedings are currently pending against the firm. No material violations of investment-related statutes or regulations have occurred. Neither the firm nor its employees have been disciplined by any governmental or professional regulatory body.

Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

Financial Industry Affiliations

SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP is a Registered Investment Advisory firm with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). All professional staff are registered representatives under the firm's RIA registration.

We do not have any relationship or arrangement with other professionals that is material to our advisory business which creates any conflict of interest, nor do we receive any form of compensation from other firms or professionals.

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

Code of Ethics

The employees of SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP have committed to a Code of Ethics that is available for review by clients and prospective clients upon request. All Certified Financial Planners of the firm are also governed by a Code of Ethics from the Financial Planning Association.

Participation or Interest in Client Transactions

SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP and its employees may buy or sell securities that are also held by clients. Employees may not trade their own securities ahead of client trades. Employees comply with the provisions of the SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP *Compliance Manual*.

Personal Trading

The Chief Compliance Officer of SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP is Deborah L. Thomas. She reviews all employee trades each quarter. The personal trading reviews ensure that the personal trading of employees does not affect the markets, and that clients of the firm receive preferential treatment. Since most employee trades are small mutual fund trades or exchange-traded fund trades, the trades do not affect the securities markets.

Brokerage Practices

Selecting Brokerage Firms

SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP does not have any affiliation with product sales firms. Specific custodian recommendations are made to clients based on their need for such services. SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP recommends custodians based on the proven integrity and financial responsibility of the firm, the best execution of orders at reasonable commission rates, convenience and customer service, and access to desired investment products.

SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP recommends discount brokerage firms and trust companies (qualified custodians), such as Charles Schwab & Co. and Vanguard Brokerage. SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP does not receive fees or commissions from any of these arrangements.

We do not receive any referrals or payments from the brokerage firms or trust companies we recommend to clients, other than the minor benefits listed below in Soft Dollars.

Best Execution

SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP reviews the execution of trades at each custodian at least annually. The review is documented in the SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP *Compliance Manual*. Trading fees charged by the custodians are also reviewed on an annual basis. SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP does not receive any portion of the trading fees charged by custodians.

Soft Dollars

SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP receives a software maintenance credit of about \$___ per year from Charles Schwab & Company because some client assets are custodied at Schwab. This credit offsets annual maintenance fees for our portfolio management software. All

clients benefit from this credit as it reduces the firm's overall expenses. The selection of Charles Schwab & Company as a custodian for clients is not affected by this nominal credit.

We participate in Charles Schwab's Institutional Service Program, which provides other benefits such as: receipt of duplicate client confirmations and statements; access to a trading desk serving institutional participants exclusively; ability to have investment management fees deducted directly from client accounts; receipt of compliance publications; and access to mutual funds which generally require significantly higher minimum initial purchase requirements or are generally available only to institutional investors.

Order Aggregation

We do not use order aggregation for our clients, because most trades are mutual funds or exchange-traded funds where trade aggregation does not garner any client benefit. and we rarely trade the same fund in more than one client account at a time.

Review of Accounts

Periodic Reviews

For portfolio management clients, advisors review client accounts at least quarterly or semi-annually, depending on the engagement. Account reviews are performed more frequently when market conditions dictate, such as when the overall markets drop by more than 10% in a single day.

In addition, management clients may receive an updated financial plan after they have been with the firm for some period of time or as their life circumstances have changed.

Review Triggers

Other conditions that may trigger a review are changes in the tax laws, new investment information, and changes in a client's own situation.

Regular Reports

Portfolio management clients receive quarterly or semi-annual portfolio updates. The written updates include performance information, as well as current and target asset allocations.

All client assets are held at qualified custodians, and they provide account statements directly to clients at their address of record, usually monthly and at least quarterly.

Client Referrals and Other Compensation

Incoming Referrals

SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP has been fortunate to receive many client referrals over the years. The referrals came from current clients, estate planning attorneys, accountants, employees, personal friends of employees and other similar sources. The firm does not compensate referring parties for these referrals.

Referrals Out

SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP does not accept referral fees or any form of remuneration from other professionals when a prospect or client is referred to them.

Custody

SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP does not take custody of any client money.

Account Statements

All assets are held at qualified custodians, which means the custodians provide account statements directly to clients at their address of record, usually monthly and at least quarterly. Clients are urged to compare the account statements received directly from their custodians to the performance report statements provided by SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP.

Investment Discretion

SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP does not take investment discretion over any client money.

Trading Authority

SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP accepts trading authority to make trades in securities accounts on behalf of clients. Clients sign a limited power of attorney so that we may execute the trades in their accounts. However, SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP consults with the client prior to each trade to obtain concurrence.

The client approves the custodian to be used and the transaction fees paid by the client to the custodian on certain trades. SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP does not receive any portion of the transaction fees paid by the client to the custodian.

Voting Client Securities

Proxy Votes

SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP does not vote proxies on client securities. clients are expected to vote their own proxies.

When assistance on voting proxies is requested, SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP will provide recommendations to the client. If a conflict of interest exists, it will be disclosed to the client.

Financial Information

Financial Condition

SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP is in good financial condition.

Business Continuity Plans

General

SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP has a Business Continuity Plan in place that provides detailed steps to mitigate and recover from the loss of office space, communications, services or key people.

Disasters

The Business Continuity Plan covers natural disasters such as snow storms, hurricanes, tornados, and flooding. The Plan covers man-made disasters such as loss of electrical power, water damage, fire, bomb threat, nuclear emergency, chemical event, biological event, T-1 communications line outage, Internet outage, railway or aircraft accident. Electronic files are backed up daily and archived offsite.

Alternate Offices

Alternate offices are identified to support ongoing operations in the event the main office is unavailable. It is our intention to contact all clients within five days of a disaster that dictates moving our office to an alternate location.

Loss of Key Personnel

SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP has signed a Business Continuation Agreement to support SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP in the event of Deborah L. Thomas's serious disability or death.

Information Security Program

Information Security

SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP maintains an internal information security program to reduce the risk that clients' personal and confidential information may be breached.

Privacy Notice

SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP is committed to maintaining the confidentiality, integrity and security of the personal information that is entrusted to us.

The categories of nonpublic information that we collect from you may include information about your personal finances, information about your health to the extent that it is needed for the financial planning process, information about transactions between you and third parties, and information from consumer reporting agencies, e.g., credit reports. We use this information to help you meet your personal financial goals.

With your permission, we disclose limited information to attorneys, accountants, and mortgage lenders with whom you have established a relationship. You may opt out from our sharing information with these nonaffiliated third parties by notifying us at any time by telephone, mail, fax, email, or in person. With your permission, we share a limited amount of information about you with your brokerage firm in order to execute securities transactions on your behalf.

We maintain a secure office to ensure that your information is not placed at unreasonable risk. We employ a firewall barrier, secure data encryption techniques and authentication procedures in our computer environment.

We do not provide your personal information to mailing list vendors or solicitors. We do not give your name to prospective clients as a reference unless you have previously given us permission to do so.

We require strict confidentiality in our agreements with unaffiliated third parties that require access to your personal information, including financial service companies, consultants, and auditors. Federal and state securities regulators may review our company records and your personal records as permitted by law.

Personally identifiable information about you will be maintained while you are a client, and for the required period thereafter that records are required to be maintained by federal and state securities laws. After that time, information may be destroyed.

We will notify you in advance if our privacy policy is expected to change. We are required by law to deliver this *Privacy Notice* to you annually, in writing.

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Education and Business Standards

SILVER OAK ADVISORY GROUP requires that advisors in its employ have a bachelor's degree and further coursework demonstrating knowledge of financial planning and tax planning. Examples of acceptable coursework include: an MBA, a CFP®, a CFA, a ChFC, JD, CTFA, EA or CPA. Additionally, advisors must have work experience that demonstrates their aptitude for financial planning and investment management.

Professional Certifications

Employees have earned certifications and credentials that are required to be explained in further detail.

CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ (CFP®): Certified Financial Planners are licensed by the CFP Board to use the CFP® mark. CFP® certification requirements:

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
- Completion of the financial planning education requirements set by the CFP Board (www.cfp.net).
- Successful completion of the 10-hour CFP® Certification Exam, or equivalent.
- Three-year qualifying full-time work experience.
- Successfully pass the Candidate Fitness Standards and background check.
- Annual continuing education and ethics hours and workshops.

Juris Doctor (JD): A law degree intended to prepare practitioners for the practice of law. The J.D. program requires a bachelor's degree for entry, and the program typically consists of at three years of full-time academic study.

Deborah L. Thomas, JD, CFP®

Educational Background:

- Date of birth: 1954
- B.A., California State University at Chico
- J.D., University of San Diego School of Law
- Certified Financial Planner, CFP®

Business Experience:

- Owner and Financial Planner, Silver Oak Advisory Group since 1991
- Financial Planner, 1985 to 1991
- Attorney, 1978 to 1985

Stephen W. Hewitt, JD, CFP®

Educational Background:

- Date of birth: 1946
- B. A., Michigan State University
- J.D., University of Michigan

- CFP®, College for Financial Planning

Business Experience:

- Financial Planner, Silver Oak Advisory Group, since 1996
- Continuing Legal Education Director, Oregon State Bar, 1980-1996

Other Business Activities: None

Additional Compensation: None

Supervision:

Stephen W. Hewitt is supervised by Deborah L. Thomas. His work is reviewed through frequent office interactions, work product review, and through our client relationship management system.

Benjamin E. Gilbert, CFP®

Educational Background:

- Date of birth: 1976
- B. S., Humboldt State University
- CFP®, University of Portland

Business Experience:

- Financial Planner, Silver Oak Advisory Group, since 2006.
- IT Engineer for Cisco Systems, Inc., 1999 - 2005.

Other Business Activities: None

Additional Compensation: None

Supervision:

Benjamin E. Gilbert is supervised by Deborah L. Thomas, and Stephen W. Hewitt. His work is reviewed through frequent office interactions, work product review, and through our client relationship management system.

Jessica M. Howe, CFP®

Educational Background:

- Date of birth: 1983
- B. S., Linfield College, Portland, Oregon
- CFP®, College for Financial Planning

Business Experience:

- Financial Planner, Silver Oak Advisory Group, since 2008
- Paraplanner, Silver Oak Advisory Group, 2004-2008

Additional Compensation: None

Other Business Activities: None

Supervision:

Jessica M. Howe is supervised by Deborah L. Thomas and Stephen W. Hewitt. Her work is reviewed through frequent office interactions, work product review and through our client relationship management system.

