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This brochure, ADV Part II, provides information about the qualifications and business practices of Westminster Financial Advisory Corporation. If you have any questions about the contents of this Brochure, please contact us at 937-898-5010 or email us at [info@westminsterfinancial.com](mailto:info@westminsterfinancial.com). The information in this Brochure has not been approved or verified by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission or by any state securities authority.

Westminster Financial Advisory Corporation 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 Westminster Financial Advisory Corporation is available on the SEC's website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).

## **Item 2 – Material Changes**

On July 28, 2010, the United States Securities and Exchange Commission published “Amendments to Form ADV” which amends the disclosure document that we provide to clients as required by SEC Rules. This Brochure dated March 30, 2015 is prepared according to the SEC’s new requirements and rules.

This item will discuss only specific material changes that are made to the Brochure and provide a summary of such change. We will also reference the date of our last annual update of our Brochure. In the past we have offered or delivered information about our qualifications and business practices to clients on at least an annual basis. Pursuant to new SEC Rules, we will ensure that you receive a summary of any material changes to this and subsequent Brochures within 120 days of the close of our business’ fiscal year. We may further provide other ongoing disclosure information about material changes as necessary.

We will further provide you with a new Brochure as necessary based on changes or new information at any time. Currently, our Brochure may be requested by contacting Westminster Financial Advisory Corporation at 937-898-5010 or [info@westminsterfinancial.com](mailto:info@westminsterfinancial.com).

**Item 12 – Brokerage Practices** – Addition of Fidelity Brokerage Services LLC as custodian.

**Item 15 – Custody** – Addition of Fidelity Brokerage Services LLC as custodian.

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#### **Item 4 – Advisory Business**

Westminster Financial Advisory Corporation provides investment supervisory services, general investment advice, and advice to clients involving securities. Over 95% of advisory billings are related to the investment supervisory business. We engage prospective clients in a pre-advisory consultation to gain better insight into their individual circumstances, needs, risk tolerance, time frame, and objectives. From this discussion, we determine the appropriateness of an investment advisory relationship.

If an investment advisory relationship is recommended, we build a portfolio recommendation in the context of the comprehensive client circumstance. The advisory fee may include general financial advice: retirement planning, insurance reviews, 401(k) recommendations, education funding.

Westminster Financial Advisory Corporation is a C Corporation owned and managed by Westminster Financial Companies.

<b>Lawrence M. Brazie</b>	<b>Managing Member</b>
Born 1958	
Practice:	Over 30 Years Professional Experience
Education:	B.S. University Dayton
Licenses:	Series 7, Series 24, Series 27, Series 63, Series 53 and Series 65 Accident & Health Life, & Variable Annuity
Business:	04/1987 to Present, Chief Executive Officer Westminster Financial Advisory Corporation

## Item 5 – Fees and Compensation

Fees are calculated as a percentage of assets under management. Accounts are charged in advance or arrears for a three-month period based on the account balances. Accounts are debited for the appropriate fee. If you have multiple account you may request the company bill all management fees to one account. For initial periods, the beginning balance and date range is described by the management contract. When an account is first placed under management, billing begins on the later of, first day the account is funded or the first day the account is approved by the company. In addition to our standard fees, you may incur other charges from other parties for clearing, custody, independent investment management, advisory services or other services that may be provided on an hourly basis. If outside consultants are required for additional analysis and advice, the resulting cost will increase the amounts disclosed in the below fee schedule and will be payable directly to those outside consultants.

The advisory fee is determined based on the fair market value of the client's account on the last day of each closing calendar quarter multiplied by one-fourth of the corresponding annual percentage rate.

The fee schedule is as follows:

### Guidelines for Estimating Fee to Clients Household Assets\*

#### Equities

<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Annual Fee</u>
\$0 - \$250,000	3.00%
\$250,001 - \$3,000,000	2.50%
\$3,000,001 - \$10,000,000	1.75%
Above \$10,000,000	Negotiated

#### Balanced/Utility Income

<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Annual Fee</u>
\$0 - \$250,000	3.00%
\$250,001 - \$3,000,000	2.50%
\$3,000,001 - \$10,000,000	1.75%
Above \$10,000,000	Negotiated

#### Fixed Income

<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Annual Fee</u>
\$0 - \$250,000	2.00%
\$250,001 - \$3,000,000	1.50%
\$3,000,001 - \$10,000,000	1.00%
Above \$10,000,000	Negotiated

Fees may be higher or lower than those shown due to special client situations, other services performed or other extraordinary circumstances and may be negotiable. The client is always informed in writing of the fee structure in place on their account.

\*Westminster Financial Advisory Corporation defines a household as any number of people sharing a residence, *or*, members of the same nuclear family regardless of residence.

A client may terminate an agreement within five business days after signing, without penalty. After the five-day period expires, a client may terminate a contract by written notice and any fees earned are nonrefundable.

Assets deposited by a client into their management account between billing cycles will not result in additional management fees being billed to the client. For assets withdrawn by a client, Westminster Financial Advisory Corporation does not make partial refunds of their management fees. Just as with deposits, withdrawals may require modifications and adjustments to be made in the account to correct the client's allocation of assets.

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

Westminster Financial Advisory Corporation does not charge any performance based fees (fees based on a share of capital gains or capital appreciation of the assets of a client).

#### **Item 7 – Types of Clients**

Westminster Financial Advisory Corporation has registered financial advisors focused on assisting individuals and their families, trusts, estates, fiduciaries, charitable organizations, small businesses, and retirement plans (hereinafter referred to as the "client") manage their wealth and comprehensive financial plans. Our central duty is to provide investment counsel and guidance which stresses fiscal responsibility and disciplined asset allocation strategies to meet client needs, goals, and risk tolerance.

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

### **Methods of Analysis**

Westminster Financial Advisory Corporation asset allocation process utilizes multiple asset classes. We analyze individual investments based on their potential contribution to the asset class in an attempt to meet or exceed the risk adjusted benchmark for each asset class. As an example, mutual fund management is selected based on consistent performance that exceeds the asset class index or selected benchmark, within a desired risk level. We also employ cyclical analysis based on economic, interest rate, and market cycles.

### **Sources of Information**

Westminster Financial Advisory Corporation relies on numerous financial websites and publications as well as independent research sources for information. Other sources may include, but are not limited to, company press releases, newspapers, magazines, books, rating services and other professional subscription services. On occasion, we will use material prepared by investment companies and research releases prepared by other research entities.

### **Investment Strategies**

Westminster Financial Advisory Corporation implements strategies using long-term purchases (securities held at least one year) and, on occasion, short-term purchases (securities sold within a year). We employ strategic asset allocation strategies driven by client objectives within risk parameters. Tactical allocation strategies are often overlaid to enhance performance or reduce risk, based on cyclical factors such as interest rates, economic stage, or market trends. We do not believe that trading, market timing, or speculative options are in our clients' best interests.

### **Risk of Loss**

Risks involved in investing in securities include but are not limited to:

- **Call Risk** The possibility that falling interest rates will cause a bond or preferred stock issuer to redeem – or Call – as its issue before the maturity date.
- **Country Risk** The possibility that political events (a war, national elections), financial problems (rising inflation, government default), or natural disasters (an earthquake, a poor harvest) will weaken a country's economy and cause investments in that country to decline.
- **Credit Risk** The possibility that a bond issuer will fail to repay interest and principal in a timely manner. Also called default risk.
- **Currency Risk** The possibility that returns could be reduced for Americans investing in foreign securities because of a rise in the value of the U.S. dollar against foreign currencies. Also called exchange rate risk.
- **Income Risk** The possibility that a fixed income fund's dividends will decline as a result of falling interest rates.

- **Industry Risk** The possibility that a group of stocks in a single industry will decline in price due to developments in that industry.
- **Inflation Risk** The possibility that increases in the cost of living will reduce or eliminate a fund's real inflation adjusted returns.
- **Interest Rate Risk** The possibility that a bond fund will decline in value because of an increase in interest rates.
- **Manager Risk** The possibility that a mutual fund's investment adviser will fail to execute the fund's investment strategy effectively, resulting in the failure of stated objectives.
- **Market Risk** The possibility that stock fund or bond fund prices overall will decline over short or even extended periods. Stock and bond markets tend to move in cycles, with periods when prices rise and other periods when prices fall.
- **Principal Risk** The possibility that an investment will go down in value, or "lose money", from the original or invested amount.

Generally speaking, risk and potential return are related. While an investment with higher risk may have the potential for higher return, it may also have a greater potential for losses, increased volatility or negative returns, particularly in response to above normal challenges related to economic or political pressures or other events.

Westminster Financial Advisory Corporation works with each client to develop an investment strategy that suits their financial goals and tolerance for risk.

We primarily utilize a buy-and-hold strategy with adjustments in asset allocations based on current conditions or anticipated developments. We may sell investments when fundamentals turn negative, the investment's relative performance is poor or the economic climate for a sector has changed. We also may buy or sell investments when the portfolio needs to be rebalanced to adhere to the client's asset allocation and cash requirements.

We may also use option strategies to enhance or hedge positions in our portfolios. We use covered calls and naked puts to incorporate these strategies.



## **Item 9 – Disciplinary Information**

Registered investment advisers are required to disclose all material facts regarding any legal or disciplinary events that would be material to your evaluation or the integrity of Westminster Financial Advisory Corporation.

Westminster Financial Advisory Corporation has no information applicable to this item.

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

Westminster Financial Advisory Corporation utilizes Westminster Financial Securities, Inc. as a broker/dealer registered with FINRA. Westminster Financial Companies, Inc. and its subsidiaries, Westminster Financial Securities, Inc., Westminster Financial Advisory Corporation and Westminster Financial Agencies, Inc., are headquartered in Dayton, Ohio.

Westminster Financial Agencies, Inc. is an insurance agency licensed to sell life insurance, health insurance and annuities. It works with insurance brokers and direct providers to find appropriate insurance solutions for clients.

Westminster Financial Companies, Inc. has five shareholders who are also clients of Westminster Financial Advisory Corporation. A conflict of interest is created as a result of clients investing into Westminster Financial Companies, Inc. This conflict could result in an incentive to favor these clients.

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

As a fiduciary, Westminster Financial Advisory Corporation has a duty to act with utmost integrity in serving each of our clients, in pursuit of their financial goals. Westminster Financial Advisory Corporation's policy manual contains a Code of Ethics which is available for inspection. Westminster Financial Advisory Corporation's governing principles are outlined below.

### **Integrity**

We shall offer and provide professional services with integrity.

### **Objectivity**

We will be objective in providing professional services to clients.

### **Competence**

We shall provide services competently and maintain the necessary knowledge and skill to continue to do so in those areas in which the designee is engaged.

### **Fairness**

All professional services shall be performed in a manner that is fair and reasonable to clients,

partners, employees, and employers; and, disclose conflicts of interests in providing such services.

**Confidentiality**

We shall not disclose confidential client information without the specific consent of the client unless in response to proper legal process, to defend against legal or regulatory charges of wrongdoing, or in connection with a civil suit between the supervised person and client.

**Professionalism**

Conduct in all matters shall reflect positively on the business entity and the profession.

**Diligence**

We shall act diligently in providing professional services. Diligence is the providing of services in a reasonable, prompt and thorough manner, including the proper planning for and supervision of the rendering of professional services.

It is against Westminster Financial Advisory Corporation's policies for managers or employees to invest with a client or with a group of clients. It is also against our policies to advise a client or a group of clients to invest in a private business interest or any other non-marketable investments. Westminster Financial Advisory Corporation's managers and employees are permitted to personally invest their own monies in stocks, bonds, investment company products and other publicly traded securities which may also be in line with recommendations made to clients. Such investment purchases are independent of, and are not connected in any way to, the investment decisions made on behalf of Westminster Financial Advisory Corporation's portfolio model. Personal trading activities conducted by managers and employees are monitored to ensure that such activities do not create conflicts of interest.

**Item 12 – Brokerage Practices**

Westminster Financial Advisory Corporation has access to a comprehensive universe of investment vehicles in the marketplace. We will construct a portfolio based on the client's goals and risk tolerance, and monitor the portfolio using market measurement and analytical techniques. We will allocate investment assets among the following:

- Exchange-listed securities
- Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs)
- Over the counter traded securities
- Mutual fund shares
- Corporate debt securities (bonds)
- Commercial paper
- Certificates of deposit
- Municipal securities
- Variable life insurance
- Variable annuities
- Fixed annuities
- United States government securities
- Option contracts on securities
- Exchange Traded Limited Partnership Securities: Real Estate/Oil and Gas

Individual allocation strategies may use some or all of the above asset classes.

Westminster Financial Advisory has a fiduciary and fundamental duty to seek best execution for client transactions. Best execution is not necessarily the lowest commission but the best overall qualitative execution in the particular circumstances. Westminster Financial Advisory has established a Brokerage Committee to monitor and review the trading practices, gather relevant information, review and evaluate the services provided by the broker-dealer, the quality of executions, commission rates, and overall brokerage relationships, among other things. Annually the Brokerage Committee will meet to formally review the above stated information, to ensure the client receives the best execution. A file will be maintained for the information obtained and used as part of the best execution procedure.

### **Custodians and Brokers We Use**

Westminster Financial Advisory Corporation does not maintain custody of your assets. Your assets must be maintained in an account with a “qualified custodian” generally a broker dealer or bank. Westminster Financial Advisory Corporation may recommend that clients establish brokerage accounts with Fidelity Clearing and Custody Solutions and Pershing LLC as custodian for client assets and to effect trades for their account. Pershing LLC is a subsidiary of BNY Mellon, the nation’s oldest continuously operating bank, and one of the world’s leading providers of securities services. Fidelity Clearing and Custody Solutions is one of the United States’ leading providers of broker dealer and investment advisor services. Fidelity Clearing and Custody falls under the umbrella of Fidelity Management and Research Company, which was founded in 1946. Fidelity delivers the experience and resources of one of the world’s largest financial services firms.

Client accounts held at Pershing and Fidelity are accessed and trades are executed through our broker dealer Westminster Financial Securities, Inc. located in Dayton, Ohio. Accounts are generally not

charged a separate fee for custody. Pershing, Fidelity, and Westminster Financial Advisory Corporation are compensated in some cases by charging you a service fee or other charge on transactions in your accounts. Pershing and Fidelity's services include research, brokerage, custody, access to mutual funds and other investments that are otherwise available only to institutional investors or would require a significantly higher minimum initial investment.

#### **Item 13 – Review of Accounts or Financial Plans**

All accounts are reviewed in the context of the client's stated investment objectives, risk tolerance and client-specific guidelines, if applicable. Accounts are reviewed no less than quarterly, but can be triggered by unexpected position performance, market conditions, or changing client circumstances. Household assets are monitored by a portfolio management system that provides current and comprehensive information concerning account performance, asset allocation, and position performance.

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

Westminster Financial Advisory Corporation does not receive cash or other economic benefit including commissions, equipment and non-research services from a non-client in connection with providing investment management. We also do not compensate people or firms for providing referrals.

#### **Item 15 – Custody**

Under government regulations, we are deemed to have custody of your assets if, for example, you authorize us to instruct the custodian to deduct our advisory fees from your account. Pershing and Fidelity maintains actual custody of your accounts. You will receive account statements directly from the custodians at least quarterly. They will be sent to the email or postal mailing address you provided to the custodian. Westminster Financial Advisory Corporation urges you to carefully review such statements and compare such official custodial records to the account statements that we provide to you. Our statements may vary slightly from custodial statements based on accounting procedures, reporting dates, or valuation methodologies of certain securities.

#### **Item 16 – Investment Discretion**

Westminster Financial Advisory Corporation uses discretionary trading authority in managing their accounts. The nature of the fee-based (rather than commission-based) pricing model assures that preservation and/or growth of the account is a shared interest. On occasion, time-sensitive opportunities arise to purchase a security in volume and spread among the discretionary accounts. Prudent risk management precludes a discretionary trade that would overly weight the position as a percentage of household assets.

### **Item 17 – Voting Client Securities**

Westminster Financial Advisory Corporation does not have any authority to and does not vote proxies on behalf of advisory clients.

### **Item 18 – Financial Information**

Registered investment advisers are required to provide upon request, certain financial information or disclosures regarding Westminster Financial Advisory Corporation's financial condition. Westminster Financial Advisory Corporation 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.

### **Item 19 – Trading Practices**

Westminster may, for a number of reasons, bunch, block or aggregate brokerage orders for clients rather than execute individual transactions for each account. These reasons include: (1) avoiding the time and expense of simultaneously entering similar orders for many client accounts that are managed similarly; (2) ensuring that all accounts managed in a particular style obtain the same execution to minimize differences in performance; and (3) obtaining a better execution price even though the commission rate may be higher than the lowest rate otherwise available. Westminster may also determine it in the best interest of a client or clients not to participate in a particular bunched order based on any one or more of the following:

- Account-specific investment restrictions, i.e. no defense or tobacco stocks.
- Undesirable position size. In certain cases, the amount allocated to an account on a pro-rata basis may create an undesirably small or large position.
- Need to restore appropriate balance to client portfolio, if it has become over or under weighted due to market action.
- Client sensitivity to turnover. Such clients may be excluded from participation in positions that are not expected to be long-term holdings.
- Client tax status.
- Regulatory restrictions.
- Common sense adjustments that lead to cost savings or other transactional efficiencies.
- Investments may not be suitable for, or consistent with, known client investment objectives and goals.
- Client may have obtained security at a different cost basis (for sales) or at a different time and has not achieved the objective for that security.

Where Westminster does not bunch orders, clients may incur higher transaction costs for individual transactions.

Westminster will not aggregate transactions unless it believes that aggregation is consistent with its duty to seek best execution (which includes the duty to seek best price) for its clients and is consistent with the terms of Westminster's investment advisory agreement with each client for which trades are being aggregated.

No advisory client will be favored over any other client; each client that participates in an aggregated order will participate at the average share price for all Westminster's transactions in that security on a given business day, with certain transaction costs shared pro rata based on each client's participation in the transaction. Commission costs will continue to be charged based upon individual commission schedules agreed to by participating clients at the time their account was established rather than a special commission rate for bunched orders. As such, commission costs per share will vary among participating clients depending on the number of shares purchased/sold and the specific commission schedule in place for each client. As a result, not all clients participating in the bunched order will receive the same net proceeds on a sale or transaction cost on a purchase.

When an aggregated order is only partially filled (and there is no reasonable expectation that the entire transaction will be completed within a reasonable period), the order will, generally, be allocated among the participating clients on an objective basis, as described below. When the portion of a partially filled order that may be allocated to a participating account is such that after the allocation, the account's holdings of the security would fall below the account's target weighting, as described below, the account will not be allocated any portion of the order. In the event that allocation of a partially filled order would cause holdings for all participating accounts to fall below target weighting, the entire order may be allocated to a single account.

On occasion trades will be executed in error. Once notified of the error, Westminster will immediately make the correction in the client's account. Any gain or loss resulting from the error will be retained by Westminster Financial Securities, Inc.

Westminster's policy and practice is to NOT engage in any agency cross or principal transactions.

