

**Firm Brochure**  
(Part 2A and 2B of Form ADV)

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This brochure provides information about the qualifications and business practices of CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC. If you have any questions about the contents of this brochure, please contact us at: (518) 280-0030, or by email at: KERRY.MAYO@CFANY.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.

Additional information about CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC is available on the SEC's website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov)

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## Material Changes

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### 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.

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### Material Changes since the Last Update

CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC began using Scottrade Advisor Services as a custodian in addition to TD Ameritrade Institutional. We have also begun using Black Diamond portfolio management system replacing the Advent BREU system. As part of this transition, we began using ByAllAccounts to access read-only data for accounts not held at TD Ameritrade Institutional.

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### Full Brochure Available

Whenever you would like to receive a complete copy of our Firm Brochure, please contact us by telephone at: (518) 280-0030 or by email at: [KERRY.MAYO@CFANY.COM](mailto:KERRY.MAYO@CFANY.COM).

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## Advisory Business

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### Firm Description

CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC was founded in 2003.

CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC provides personalized confidential financial planning and investment management to individuals, pension and profit sharing plans, trusts, estates, captive insurance companies and business owners. Advice is provided through consultation with the client and 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.

CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC is strictly a fee-only financial planning and investment management firm. The firm does not sell products, annuities, insurance, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, limited partnerships, or other commissioned products to earn commissions although it does use some of those 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.

Investment advice is an integral part of financial planning. In addition, CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC advises clients regarding cash flow, college planning, retirement planning, tax planning and estate planning.

CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC does not act as a custodian of client assets. The client always maintains asset control. CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC 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. CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC can refer clients to appropriate professionals whose expertise we trust. Conflicts of interest will be disclosed to the client in the unlikely event they should occur.

The initial meeting, which may be by telephone at (518) 280-0030, 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.

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**Principal Owners**

Paul Corr owns 33.33% of capital. Walton Williams owns 33.33% of capital.  
Kerry Mayo owns 33.33% of capital.

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**Types of Advisory Services**

CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC provides investment supervisory services, also known as asset management services, and furnishes investment advice through consultations.

On more than an occasional basis, CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC furnishes advice to clients on matters not involving securities, such as financial planning matters, taxation issues, and trust services that often include estate planning.

As of 3/21/2013, CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC manages approximately \$105 million in assets for approximately 78 clients. Approximately \$105 million is managed on a discretionary basis, and \$0 is managed on a non-discretionary basis.

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**Tailored Relationships**

The goals and objectives for each client are documented in our client relationship management system. Investment policy statements are created that reflect the stated goals and objectives. Clients may impose restrictions on investing in certain securities or types of securities.

Agreements may not be assigned without client consent.

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**Types of Agreements**

The following agreements define the typical client relationships:

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**Financial Planning Agreement**

A financial plan is designed to help the client with all aspects of financial planning without ongoing investment management after the financial plan is completed.

The financial plan may include, but is not limited to: a cash flow statement; 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 changes, if necessary; one or more retirement scenarios; estate planning review and recommendations; and education planning with funding recommendations.

Detailed investment advice and specific recommendations are provided as part of a financial plan. Implementation of the recommendations is at the discretion of the client.

The fee for a financial plan is predicated upon the facts known at the start of the engagement. The firm charges \$175 per hour for financial planning services. It provides an estimate of the time it will take to complete the services. Since financial planning is a discovery process, situations occur wherein the client is unaware of certain financial exposures or predicaments.

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.

Additional implementation work is billed separately at the rate of \$175 per hour.

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### **Advisory Services Agreements**

Most clients choose to have CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC manage their assets in order to obtain ongoing in-depth advice and life planning. All aspects of the client's financial affairs are reviewed, including those of their children. 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.

The scope of work and fee for Advisory Services is provided to the client in writing prior to the start of the relationship. The agreements that govern Advisory Services include: Financial Planning Engagement Letter, Investment Management Agreement and Investment Policy Statement. Advisory Services may include: cash flow management; insurance review; investment management (including performance reporting); education planning; retirement planning; estate planning; and tax preparation, as well as the implementation of recommendations within each area.

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

- 1.00% on the first \$1,000,000;
- 0.75% on the next \$1,000,000 (from 1,000,001 to 2,000,000); and
- 0.50% on the assets above \$2,000,000.

The minimum annual fee is \$5,000 and is negotiable. Current client relationships may exist where the fees are higher or lower than the fee schedule above.

Although the Agreements are ongoing, adjustments may be required. The length of service to the client is at the client's discretion. The client or the investment manager may terminate an Agreement by 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.



CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC may waive management fees for immediate family members.

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**Retainer Agreement**

In some circumstances, a *Retainer Agreement* is executed in lieu of the fee schedule in the Investment Management Agreement, when it is more appropriate to work on a fixed-fee basis. The annual fee for a *Retainer Agreement* is dependent on the assets under management and is *negotiable*.

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**Tax Preparation Agreement**

Tax preparation work is not included in the *Advisory Service Agreements* or *Retainer Agreements* scope of work. CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC prepares summary tax information for the client's tax preparer.

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**Hourly Planning Engagements**

CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC provides hourly planning services for clients who need advice on a limited scope of work. The hourly rate for limited scope engagements is \$175 per hour.

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**Asset Management**

Assets are invested primarily in no-load mutual funds, individual fixed income securities and exchange-traded funds through TD Ameritrade. Fund companies charge each fund shareholder an investment management fee that is disclosed in the fund prospectus. TD Ameritrade may charge a transaction fee for the purchase of some funds.

Stocks and bonds may be purchased or sold through TD Ameritrade. TD Ameritrade may charge a fee for stock and bond trades. CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC does not receive any compensation, in any form, from fund companies or TD Ameritrade.

Investments may also include: equities (stocks), warrants, corporate debt securities, commercial paper, certificates of deposit, municipal securities, investment company securities ( mutual funds shares), U. S. government securities, options contracts, futures contracts, and interests in partnerships.

Initial public offerings (IPOs) are not available through CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC.

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**Termination of Agreement**

A Client may terminate any of the aforementioned agreements at any time by notifying CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC in writing and paying the rate for the time spent on the investment advisory engagement prior to notification or termination. If the client made an advance

payment, CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC will refund any unearned portion of the advance payment.

CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC may terminate any of the aforementioned agreements at any time by notifying the client in writing. If the client made an advance payment, CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC will refund any unearned portion of the advance payment.

## Fees and Compensation

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### Description

CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC bases its fees on a percentage of assets under management, hourly charges and fixed fees.

Some *Retainer Agreements* may be priced based on the complexity of work.

Financial plans are priced according to the degree of complexity associated with the client's situation.

Fees are *negotiable* in some cases.

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### Fee Billing

Investment management fees are billed quarterly, in *ARREARS*, meaning that we invoice the client *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. The client must consent in advance to direct debiting of their investment account.

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### 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.

CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC, in its sole discretion, may waive its minimum fee and/or charge a lesser investment advisory fee based upon certain criteria (e.g., historical relationship, type of assets, anticipated future earning capacity, anticipated future additional assets, dollar amounts of assets to be managed, related accounts, account composition and similar considerations).

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### Expense Ratios

Mutual funds generally charge a management fee for their services as investment managers. The management fee is called an expense ratio. For example, an expense ratio of 0.50 means that the mutual fund company

charges 0.5% for their services. These fees are in addition to the fees paid by you to CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC.

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

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**Past Due Accounts and Termination of Agreement**

CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC reserves the right to stop work on any account that is more than 30 days overdue. In addition, CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC 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 CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC's judgment, to providing proper financial advice. Any unused portion of fees collected in advance will be refunded within 30 days.

## Performance-Based Fees

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**Sharing of Capital Gains**

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

CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC 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 for the client.

## Types of Clients

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**Description**

CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC generally provides investment advice to individuals, pension and profit sharing plans, trusts, estates and corporations or business entities.

Client relationships vary in scope and length of service.

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**Account Minimums**

The minimum account size is \$500,000 of assets under management, which equates to an annual fee of \$5,000.

CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC has the discretion to waive the account minimum. Accounts of less than \$500,000 may be set up when the client and the advisor anticipate the client will add additional funds to the accounts bringing the total to \$500,000 within a reasonable time. Other

exceptions will apply to employees of CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC and their relatives, or relatives of existing clients.

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

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### **Methods of Analysis**

Security analysis methods may include fundamental analysis, technical analysis, and cyclical analysis.

The main sources of information include financial newspapers and magazines, review of corporate activities, research materials prepared by others, corporate rating services, annual reports, prospectuses, filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and company press releases.

Other sources of information that CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC may use include Morningstar Advisor Workstation mutual fund information, TD Ameritrade, Advisor Intelligence, and the World Wide Web.

Principals of CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC attend conferences, seminars and educational meetings sponsored by their affiliated organizations such as the FPA, AICPA, NAPFA, IMA and others.

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### **Investment Strategies**

The primary investment strategy used on client accounts is strategic asset allocation. Portfolios are globally diversified to control the risk associated with traditional markets.

The investment strategy for a specific client 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 his or her objectives and desired investment strategy.

Other strategies may include long-term purchases, short-term purchases, trading, short sales, margin transactions, and option writing (including covered options, uncovered options or spreading strategies).

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### **Risk of Loss**

All investment programs have certain risks that are borne by the investor. Our investment approach assesses the risk appropriate for each client. Investors face the following investment risks:

- **Interest-rate Risk:** Fluctuations in interest rates may cause investment prices to fluctuate. For example, when interest rates rise, yields on existing bonds become less attractive, causing their market values to decline.
- **Market Risk:** The price of a security, bond, or mutual fund may drop in reaction to tangible and intangible events and conditions. This type of

risk is caused by external factors independent of a security's particular underlying circumstances. For example, political, economic and social conditions may trigger market events.

- **Inflation Risk:** When any type of inflation is present, a dollar next year 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.
- **Liquidity Risk:** Liquidity is the ability to readily convert an investment into cash. Generally, assets are more liquid if many traders are interested in a standardized product. For example, Treasury Bills are highly liquid, while real estate properties are not.
- **Financial Risk:** Excessive borrowing to finance business operations increases the risk of 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**

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### **Legal and Disciplinary**

The firm and its employees have not been involved in legal or disciplinary events related to past or present investment clients.

## Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

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### Financial Industry Activities

CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC is not registered as a securities broker-dealer, a futures commission merchant, commodity pool operator or commodity trading advisor.

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### Affiliations

## **CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC has no outside affiliations.**

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

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#### Code of Ethics

The employees of CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC have committed to a Code of Ethics that is available for review by clients and prospective clients upon request. The firm will provide a copy of the Code of Ethics to any client or prospective client upon request.

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#### Participation or Interest in Client Transactions

CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC 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 CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC *Policies and Procedures Manual*.

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#### Personal Trading

The Chief Compliance Officer of CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC is Kerry Mayo. He reviews all employee trades each quarter. His trades are reviewed by Paul Corr. 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, exchange-traded fund trades or fixed income trades, the trades do not affect the securities markets.

## Brokerage Practices

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### Selecting Brokerage Firms

CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC does not have any affiliation with product sales firms.

CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC custodies the assets it manages at the discount brokerages (qualified custodians) TD Ameritrade Institutional and Scottrade Advisor Services.

CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC *DOES NOT* receive fees or commissions from its custodian.

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**Best Execution**

CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC reviews the execution of trades at its custodian each quarter. The review is documented in the CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC *Policies and Procedures Manual*. Trading fees charged by the custodian are also reviewed on a quarterly basis. CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC does not receive any portion of the trading fees.

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**Soft Dollars**

CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC is provided research reports from TD Ameritrade Institutional and Scottrade Advisor Services. All clients benefit from this research.

The selection of TD Ameritrade Institutional as a custodian for clients is not affected by this nominal service as all custodians provide similar services to the advisors with whom they maintain relationships.

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**Order Aggregation**

Most trades are mutual funds, exchange-traded funds or individual fixed-income securities where trade aggregation does not garner any client benefit.

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**Allocation Procedures**

CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC purchases fixed income in blocks in most cases. The bonds are allocated among accounts based on need according to the client's allocation. The clients that need the most fixed income based on their allocation are given the available bonds and notes first. Fixed income is allocated in round lots to improve liquidity when possible. No other factors determine allocation of fixed income securities, including size of assets and tenure.

## **Review of Accounts**

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**Periodic Reviews**

Account reviews are performed continuously by advisors Paul Corr, Kerry Mayo and Walton Williams.

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### **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.

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### **Regular Reports**

Account reviewers are members of the firm. They consider the client's current security positions and the likelihood that the performance of each security will contribute to the investment objectives of the client.

Clients receive periodic communications on at least a quarterly basis. *Investment Management* clients and *Retainer Agreement* clients receive written quarterly updates. The written updates may include a portfolio statement, performance summaries and a summary of objectives and progress towards meeting those objectives.

## **Client Referrals and Other Compensation**

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### **Incoming Referrals**

CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC has been fortunate to receive many client referrals over the years. The referrals have come 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.

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### **Referrals Out**

CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC does not accept referral fees or any form of remuneration from other professionals when a prospect or client is referred to the firm.

## **Custody**

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### **Account Statements**

All assets are held at custodians, TD Ameritrade Institutional and Scottrade Advisor Services , which provide account statements directly to clients at their address of record or email address monthly.

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### **Performance Reports**

Clients are urged to compare the account statements received directly from their custodians to the performance report statements provided by CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC quarterly.



## Investment Discretion

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### **Discretionary Authority for Trading**

CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC accepts discretionary authority to manage securities accounts on behalf of clients. CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC has the authority to determine, without obtaining specific client consent, the securities to be bought or sold, and the amount of the securities to be bought or sold. However, CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC consults with the client prior to each trade to obtain concurrence if a blanket trading authorization has not been given.

The client approves the custodian to be used and the commission rates paid to the custodian. CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC does not receive any portion of the transaction fees or commissions paid by the client to the custodian on certain trades.

Discretionary trading authority facilitates placing trades in your accounts on your behalf so that we may promptly implement the investment policy that you have approved in writing.

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### **Limited Power of Attorney**

A limited power of attorney is a trading authorization for this purpose. The client signs a limited power of attorney that is part of account applications so that we may execute the trades that the client has approved.

## Voting Client Securities

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### **Proxy Votes**

CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC does not vote proxies on securities. Clients are expected to vote their own proxies if they choose.

When assistance on voting proxies is requested, CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC will provide recommendations to the client. If a conflict of interest exists, it will be disclosed to the client.

## Financial Information

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### **Financial Condition**

CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC does not have any financial impairment that will preclude the firm from meeting contractual commitments to clients.

A balance sheet is not required to be provided because CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC does not serve as a custodian for client funds or securities and does not require prepayment of fees.

## **Business Continuity Plan**

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### **General**

CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC 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.

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### **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, loss of water pressure, fire, bomb threat, nuclear emergency, chemical event, biological event, communications line outage, iinternet outage, railway accident and aircraft accident. Electronic files are backed up daily and archived offsite.

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### **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.

## **Information Security Program**

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### **Information Security**

CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC maintains an information security program to reduce the risk that your personal and confidential information may be breached.

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### **Privacy Notice**

CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC 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 (518) 280-0030, mail, fax, email to [kerry.mayo@cfany.com](mailto:kerry.mayo@cfany.com), 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 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**

CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF NEW YORK, LLC 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: a Masters Degree, a CFP®, a CFA, a JD, or CPA/PFS. Additionally, advisors must have work experience that demonstrates their aptitude for financial planning and investment management.

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**Professional Certifications**

The advisors have earned the following certifications and credentials that are explained below.

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](http://www.cfp.net)).
- Successful completion of the 10-hour CFP® Certification Exam.
- Three-year qualifying full-time work experience or two years of apprenticeship experience that meets additional requirements.
- Successfully pass the Candidate Fitness Standards and background check.
- Completion of 30 hours of continuing education every two years.

Personal Financial Specialist (PFS): The PFS credential demonstrates that an individual has met the minimum education, experience and testing required of a CPA in addition to a minimum level of expertise in personal financial planning. PFS certification requirements:

- Hold an unrevoked CPA license and be a member of the AICPA in good standing.
- Fulfill 3,000 hours of personal financial planning business experience.
- Completion of 75 hours of personal financial planning continuing professional education credits.
- Successfully pass a comprehensive financial planning exam.
- Adherence to the AICPA's Code of Professional Conduct.
- Completion of 120 hours of continuing professional education for the CPA license, including 60 hours of financial planning continuing professional education, every three years.

NAPFA Registered Advisors®: The top level of membership in the National Association of Personal Financial Advisors (NAPFA). NAPFA Registered Advisors® certification requirements:

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
- Submit and gain approval of a peer reviewed sample comprehensive financial plan or participation in a comprehensive peer review of the firm's planning process.
- Possess the CFP designation.
- Adhere to NAPFA's Fiduciary Oath
- Complete 60 hours of continuing education every two years.
- Provide investment and/or financial planning advice on a strictly fee-only basis.

Certified Public Accountant (CPA): Certified Public Accountants in New York are licensed by the New York State Department of Education. New York CPA certification requirements:

- Bachelor or higher degree from a program which meets New York's 150 semester hour education requirement and is acceptable to New York's Education Department.
- Successful completion of the Uniform CPA Examination prepared and graded by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.
- Two years of full-time experience providing accounting or auditing services under the supervision of a certified public accountant.
- Completion of 120 hours of continuing professional education every three years.

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**Paul J. Corr, CPA, CFP, PFS**

Educational Background:

- Date of birth: April 4, 1944
- NAPFA Registered Advisor
- State University New York at Albany, M.S. Accounting, 1981 (Beta Gamma Sigma)
- Washington University, M.A./Ph.D. Literature, 1973/76
- Thunderbird Graduate School of International Management, 1966-67
- State University of New York at Buffalo, B.A. Literature with significant course work in physical sciences, 1966 (Phi Beta Kappa)
- NAPFA Registered Advisor

Business Experience:

- Paul J. Corr has been a member of Capital Financial Advisors of New York, LLC since February 2003.
- In 2007, Paul J. Corr retired from his position as an Associate Professor in the Department of Management and Business at Skidmore College where he taught finance, taxation, accounting and investments since 1981.
- From July 1999 to August 2011, he had been a shareholder in Rutnik & Corr, P.C., a firm of certified public accountants, where he specialized in financial and tax planning.
- He was a consultant to Richter & Company, certified public accountants, from 1996 to 1999. This firm was a successor to Corr & Company, certified public accountants.
- Paul J. Corr is also a member of the board of directors and chair of the audit committee of Espey Mfg. & Electronics Corp.

Other Business Activities: Board member of Espey Mfg. & Electronics Corp.

Additional Compensation: Compensation as a board member of Espey Mfg. & Electronics Corp.

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**Walton A. Williams, CPA, PFS**

Educational Background:

- Date of birth: August 17, 1942
- State University of New York at Albany, B.S./Accounting, 1970
- NAPFA Registered Advisor

Business Experience:

- Walton A. Williams has been a member of Capital Financial Advisors of New York, LLC since February 2003.
- Since 1997, Walton A. Williams has practiced as a certified public accountant (sole proprietorship) focusing on tax and financial planning and business valuation analysis.
- From September 1987 through October 1997, he was managing partner of Williams, Matt & Rutnik, P.C., a firm of certified public accountants in Latham, New York.

Other Business Activities: Private Tax Consulting

Additional Compensation: Compensation from private tax consulting

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**Kerry G. Mayo, CFP****Educational Background:**

- Date of birth: September 23, 1979
- Saint Michael's College, B.A. History, 2001
- State University of New York at Albany, M.A. Economics, 2005
- NAPFA Registered Advisor
- Current Chartered Financial Analyst Designation Candidate

**Business Experience:**

- Kerry G. Mayo has twice been an employee of Capital Financial Advisors of New York, LLC. He first worked for the firm from September 2004 until June 2005. His current employment with the firm began in June of 2007.
- From July 2005 until June of 2007, Kerry worked as a research economist for Economic & Policy Resources, Inc. in Williston, Vermont.

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**Julie Sciandra****Educational Background:**

- Date of birth: March 21, 1968
- Graduate School of Business, Columbia University, M.B.A., 1999
- Saint Lawrence University, B.A. Economics, 1990
- Current Certified Financial Planner® practitioner candidate

**Business Experience:**

- Julie Sciandra has worked for the firm since July 2011
- Project manager and independent consultant to various businesses since January 2005
- Manager at William Pietersen Consulting in New York City from 2001 until 2005
- Senior Consultant at Accenture, LLC from 1999 to 2001

Supervision: Julie's interaction with clients is monitored by members of the firm through joint meetings, copying on electronic communications and pre-reviewed correspondence. Kerry G. Mayo is responsible for monitoring the actions of Julie. He is a member of the Limited Liability Company and can be reached at (518) 280-0030.