

**Form ADV Part IIA**

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***Section 2, ADV Part IIA***

***Material Changes since Last Filing***

***Changes in assets under management***

***Section 3, ADV Part IIA***

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## ***Section 4, ADV PART IIA***

### ***Advisory Business Description***

We are a registered investment advisory firm (RIA). We manage individuals' assets to help them meet their financial goals. We manage money on a discretionary basis only.

This means that we do not consult with clients when we make investment decisions. Every client agrees to an investment policy statement which the client helps us formulate; this acts as a blueprint for managing the client's account. We manage to goals, and not for performance. We are not brokers. We do not engage in financial planning. We do not sell products.

We have five employees. Two are administrative staff, and three are professional staff. All three professional staff earned the Chartered Financial Analyst designation. The CFA designation does not imply approval by any regulatory body. See ADV Part IIB for information on the CFA designation.

Our regulatory assets under management at this date are \$246,852,011.

## ***Section 5, ADV Part IIA***

### ***Fees***

<b>Account Value</b>	<b>Annual Fee</b>
Under \$1 million -a	0.95% of assets
Between \$500k and \$1million and with us for over 5 years (tested for value each April 30)	0.90% of assets
Accounts over \$1 million	0.85% of assets on the first \$2 million; 0.70% on the next \$3 million
\$5 million and above	Negotiable
Bond portfolios	Negotiable

a- Applies only to household accounts worth less than \$1 million; all accounts over \$1 million will have a maximum fee rate of 0.85%. Note that in accordance with the section titled "Terms of this Agreement", we may terminate account relationships that fall below \$200,000 for balanced accounts or \$100,000 for equity accounts if you cannot add funds to bring accounts up to those levels.

Related accounts are aggregated to determine the annual fee. Fees are calculated on the average account balance each calendar quarter. This is calculated by adding the beginning market value to the ending market value and dividing by 2, then multiplying by the applicable fee percentage listed above. One quarter of the annual fee is charged each quarter. Fees are prorated if the account was not under management for the entire quarter.

We make every attempt to customize our fees to special situations. For instance, if you hold a security at a low cost basis that we will likely not sell, we may exclude it from the fee calculation.

Commissions are paid to a broker or your custodian and not the investment manager. Other fees charged by your custodian may apply.

Other fee arrangements may be made by petition to the firm; and the firm may also choose to alter the client's fee as befits the circumstances of the client relationship upon notice, verbal or written, to the client.

#### ***Section 6, ADV Part IIA***

##### ***Performance Fees***

We do not charge performance fees.

#### ***Section 7, ADV Part IIA***

##### ***Type of clients / Minimum account size***

We manage money for individuals who range in age from minors to elderly; our clients live all over the United States; some live in or are citizens of other countries.

We have no minimum account size.

#### ***Section 8, ADV Part IIA***

##### ***Analysis methods we use / Risk of loss***

In order to make investment decisions we investigate company fundamentals, historical valuation relationships, interest rate trends, and economic trends. We make judgments based on our experience as to the future potential of asset returns based on our analysis of these factors. We are value investors, which means we prefer to pay low prices for assets as compared to the return that we believe those assets are able to generate.

Investments that we choose may lose money. We do not guarantee any returns.

***Section 9, ADV Part IIA***

***Disciplinary Action Against our Firm and/or Employees***

None

***Section 10, ADV Part IIA***

***Other Activities / Material Relationships / Conflicts of Interest***

None of our employees engages in any financial industry activity other than employ at our firm.

One of our clients is a bond broker and we buy bonds for other clients from him. Another of our clients is a bond broker and we manage money for his mother. Both brokerage relationships were in place several years before the brokers became clients. Conflicts of interest that could arise from these relationships may include:

- The client pays a higher than average price for buying bonds through these brokers
- The manager (Cascade) channels trades through these brokers in order to benefit the broker

All trades done with these brokers over the last three months and prices attained is available on request.

One of our clients owns a company that manages real estate partnerships and we may advise other clients who are invested in those same partnerships. Clients, except for one, make their own decisions about investing in these funds. David Schue and Michelle Rand also own interests in these partnerships. A conflict of interest that may arise from this as we could recommend these funds to our clients which might benefit our own interest.

***Section 11, ADV Part IIA***

***Code of Ethics/Personal Trading***

Cascade Investment Advisors, Inc. has adopted the CFA Institute Code of Ethics and personal trading disclosures proscribed by the SEC. Every employee reads the code and agrees to abide by it. Management keeps a copy of the code signed by each employee on file. The contents of the CFA Institute code can be found here:

<http://www.cfainstitute.org/ethics/codes/ethics/Pages/index.aspx>

Employees of Cascade may buy the same assets when clients are buying, or sell those assets when clients are buying, depending on the individual's own particular investment objective. The same applies to clients selling. Trading policies are disclosed annually and in documents signed by the client at the outset of the manager relationship. On any purchase or sale of a stock for clients where the average daily trading volume is less than 100,000 shares, employees must wait until all client trades are executed before making their own purchases or sales. Management reviews employee brokerage statements.

On any trade, employees may receive a better or worse price than any client. Employees do not participate with clients in block trades.

## ***Section 12, ADV Part IIA***

### ***Brokerage Issues***

*Brokerage selection:* Brokers are selected based on their execution policies and knowledge of particular markets, such as municipal bonds, that can benefit our clients. We test brokers annually as to best execution, which describes how that broker routes orders, whether the broker executes at a fair price, and whether the broker provides special knowledge of the subject market. Brokers are paid commissions by our clients when transactions are made. Charles Schwab & Co provides Cascade research in return for those commissions. However, we do not use the research; it is provided in passive form, for us to access if we want. This is called a "soft dollar" arrangement. If we liked the research and used it a lot, we could favor Schwab with our trades, which might be deleterious to the client. Schwab is tested annually for best execution and has always met our criteria. Similarly, we pay Factset for access to their data. Factset provides research, which we may or may not use. This is not a soft dollar arrangement, because we cannot trade through Factset.

Sometimes when trades are made, we buy in blocks and assign a portion of the block to each client. This is called block trading. However, if we expect to buy a block of 10,000 shares and then our order is only partially filled during the trading day, so that the rest of the order must be executed the next day and maybe not at as favorable a price, we must decide who to allocate the first shares to. We allocate as follows:

If a buy, first to clients with cash to pay for the purchase.

If a sell, first to clients needing cash.

Buy or sell, prorata.

### ***Section 13, ADV Part IIA***

#### ***Account Reviews***

Client accounts are reviewed annually on a formal basis, with a record of the review filed electronically. This review checks the asset allocation against the policy statement, checks the individual assets in the account for suitability given the client's circumstances, notes any unusual assets, and records any updates to client circumstances. Ramona Steinbrugge conducts the basic review for all accounts. Each portfolio manager then provides client updates for accounts assigned to him or her.

Other than the annual formal review, client contact occurs frequently, depending on client needs, and review of assets occurs every trading day.

### ***Section 14, ADV Part IIA***

#### ***Compensation for referrals***

No compensation is paid to others to provide Cascade with referrals to potential clients.

### ***Section 15, ADV Part IIA***

#### ***Custody***

Cascade Investment Advisors only has custody of your funds to the extent that the SEC defines "having custody" as allowing us to deduct funds from your account to pay your fees, which are paid in arrears, not in advance.

We review your asset statements from Schwab as needed. We track and confirm that statement copies are posted monthly on the Schwab website.

### ***Section 16, ADV Part IIA***

#### ***Discretionary Account Management***

Clients of Cascade Investment Advisors, Inc. sign an investment management agreement with Cascade granting us investment discretion. That means we can make purchase and sale decisions on your behalf. The only limitations we routinely accept on this authority relate to specific assets you may not want us to own for you, such as tobacco related issues, or other issues you find unacceptable; and when you would like us to hold cash for your own purposes in your account. Other exceptions may be negotiated with us, as manager.



## ***Section 17, ADV Part IIA***

### ***Proxy Voting & Class Action Litigation***

You may choose to have proxies issued by your securities voted by us instead of voting them yourself. We vote issues considering shareholders' interests first, which means we do not always vote for management. If you would like to see how we voted a certain proxy, you can make a request in writing for our voting record for that issue.

Chicago Clearing Corp. (CCC) is a company that provides class action monitoring and securities claim filing services. We utilize their services on our client's behalf. They charge a fee against payments collected. Clients can choose to "opt out" of these services.

## ***Section 18, ADV Part IIA***

### ***Firm Financial Condition***

There are no adverse material financial factors affecting our firm that would also affect the management of your assets.

## **ADV Part IIB Supplement**

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## ***ADV Part IIB Supplement***

### ***Biographical Information***

*Michelle Rand*, founder, 1997. Michelle has 30 years of experience investing for individuals, businesses and charitable organizations. Her most recent position was with US Trust Company, managing \$200 million in client assets. She graduated from Reed College in 1981 with a B.A. in Economics. She received the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation in 1985, and the Series 6 and 63 licenses in 1995. Michelle participates regularly in the CFA Continuing Education Program and is a member of the Portland Financial Analysts Society as well as the Association of Investment Managers and Research Analysts. Michelle recently accepted a board position at Lewis & Clark Bank. Michelle occasionally speaks to groups on a variety of investment topics, including investing basics, value investing, and market risk management. She has also given testimony as an expert witness on investment matters.

*David Schue*, research analyst, 2001. Dave has over 20 years of business valuation experience. Dave began his career at Willamette Management Associates, Inc., then founded a firm called Corporate Valuations, Inc. with two colleagues. He received his Masters in Business in 1979 from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. Dave is a Chartered Financial Analyst, a member of the Portland Society of Financial Analysts as well as the Association of Investment Managers and Research Analysts, and an Accredited Senior Appraiser with the American Society of Appraisers. He has valued a wide variety of businesses in several industries. He was a frequent expert witness in testimony relating to valuation issues. At Cascade, Dave is responsible for all aspects of equity research.

*Warren, Hastings*, Portfolio Manager, 2014. Warren began his career at Willamette Management Associates where he performed business valuations. Next, he put his keen analytic skills and industry experience to work managing bond portfolios and conducting arbitrage trading at U.S. Bank of Oregon and First Interstate Bank. Just prior to joining us, Warren worked at Portland-based Becker Capital Management for over 20 years as both an equity and fixed income portfolio manager. Warren earned his CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst) designation in 1987. He graduated from Oregon State University with a B.S. in Business-Finance.

### ***The CFA Designation***

Below is the website for the CFA Institute, describing the requirements for individuals who choose to obtain the CFA designation:

<http://www.cfainstitute.org/cfaprogram/Pages/index.aspx>

### ***ADV Part IIB Supplement***

#### ***Disciplinary Action***

None

#### ***Other Business Activities***

None

#### ***Additional Compensation Other Than Fee Income***

None

### ***Supervisory Person and Process***

Michelle Rand, President, 503.703.3622, is the firm's supervisor. Work is supervised daily via a reading of all work produced:

- Written reports and client account reviews are posted firm-wide for all employees to critique; Michelle reviews this work daily.
- Portfolio managers conduct strategy sessions every 4-6 weeks for purposes of reviewing and critiquing the firm's investment strategy
- Compliance is tested not just once a year as prescribed by the SEC, but every few months; employees are counseled on compliance matters at staff meetings every 4-6 weeks
- Emails from employees are archived in a special file and reviewed routinely

### ***ADV Part III-Form CRS***

**Cascade Investment Advisors, Inc., is an advisor registered with the Securities & Exchange Commission.**

Broker and investment advisory fees differ. You should understand the difference. Simple and free tools to enable your research are available at [\*investor.gov/CRS\*](http://investor.gov/CRS).

**The following are questions that the SEC requires that we put into this disclosure. They are in no way representative of what we would discuss with you, or how we would discuss with you, your financial situation. These questions are samples that are required by the SEC:**

*“What investment services and advice can you provide me?”*

We are an advisory firm that invests money to help retail investors achieve their goals. We provide retirement planning and financial projections. We provide analysis for other types of investments you may have. We monitor investments daily including weekends. We only accept discretionary accounts which means we make securities trades for you in accordance with an investment policy statement that we collaborate with you to write. We have no account minimum.

You can access our ADV and/or Plain English brochure at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov) OR at [www.cascadeinvestors.com/resources/government-filings/](http://www.cascadeinvestors.com/resources/government-filings/)

According to our regulator, the SEC, you may wish to ask us:

*“Given my financial situation, should I choose an investment advisory service? Why or why not?”*

*“How will you choose investments to recommend to me?”*

*“What is your relevant experience, including your licenses, education and other qualifications? What do these qualifications mean?”*

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

#### **What fees will I pay?**

Our fees are accessible in our brochure, our ADV and on our website. One of these sources is [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov)

You will pay fees and costs whether you make or lose money on your investments. Fees and costs will reduce any amount of money you make on your investments over time. You will pay fees no matter what type of investment advisor or broker you use, and as well, even if you use mutual funds on your own. Please make sure you understand what fees and costs you are paying. You may wish to ask us:

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

#### **Best Interest**

When we act as your investment adviser, we have to act in your best interest and not put our interest ahead of yours. At the same time, the way we make money creates some conflicts with your interests. You should understand and ask us about these conflicts because they can affect the investment advice we provide you. Here is an example to help you understand what this means:

We may own a stock personally and also buy it for you which can help it go up.

You can read more about conflicts of interest and our services in our ADV at

[www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov)

#### **How do our financial professionals make money?**

They are paid a salary in accordance with decisions that our CEO makes about their performance on behalf of the firm.

**Do you or your financial professionals have legal or disciplinary history?**

No. *Investor.gov/CRS* has tools you can use to research us.

You can contact us at 503.417.1950 to ask for a copy of relationship summary or any other information about us. Our website is at [www.cascadeinvestors.com](http://www.cascadeinvestors.com)