

**SWM II BROCHURE**  
**Managed Asset Program**

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This Managed Asset Program Brochure (Form ADV Part 2A Appendix 1) provides information about the qualifications and business practices of Cornerstone Wealth Management, LLC. If you have any questions about the contents of this brochure, please contact us by telephone at (636) 397-6200 or email at [thomas.gooden@lpl.com](mailto:thomas.gooden@lpl.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 Cornerstone Wealth Management, LLC is also available on the SEC's website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov) by searching CRD #164666.

Please note use of the term "registered investment adviser" and description of Cornerstone Wealth Management, LLC and/or our associates as "registered" does not imply a certain level of skill or training. You are encouraged to review this Brochure and Brochure Supplements for our firm's associates who advise you for more information on the qualifications of our firm and its employees.

## Item 2: Material Changes

Cornerstone Wealth Management, LLC is required to advise you of any material changes to our Managed Asset Program Brochure ("MAP Brochure") from our last annual update, identify those changes on the cover page of our MAP Brochure or on the page immediately following the cover page, or in a separate communication accompanying our MAP Brochure.

Since the last annual amendment filed on 03/30/2022, the following changes have been made:

- Our firm may begin recommending Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. ("Schwab") as an alternative custodian to LPL for wrap clients who are otherwise prohibited from holding investments at LPL. As such, we have updated Item 4 and Item 9 to disclose this new offering. Please note, this change will not impact clients who are currently using LPL Financial, LLC as their custodian.
- Our firm has clarified that we do not provide cash or non-cash compensation directly or indirectly to unaffiliated persons for testimonials or endorsements (which include client referrals). Please refer to Item 9 for additional information.

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Our firm also conducts business under the following names:

Bell & Associates Wealth Management  
Carlisle Mott Financial  
Dixon Incorporated  
Fisher Financial, LLC  
Focus Wealth Management  
Gateway Wealth Management, LLC  
Genfinity Wealth Management  
Hill Wealth Management, LLC  
Legends Financial Services Group, LLC  
Lifetime Planning, Inc.

Milestone Investment Counsel  
Morse Wealth Management  
Rains Wealth Management  
Stauros Financial, LLC  
Steamboat Financial Group  
Stone 8 Wealth Management, LLC  
Triada Advisors  
Vine Wealth Management  
West Financial Services  
Glasscock Financial

#### **Item 4: Services, Fees & Compensation**

Our firm manages assets for many different types of clients to help meet their financial goals while remaining sensitive to risk tolerance and time horizons. As a fiduciary, it is our duty to always act in the client's best interest. This is accomplished in part by knowing the client. Our firm has established a service-oriented advisory practice with open lines of communication. Working with clients to understand their investment objectives while educating them about our process, facilitates the kind of working relationship we value.

Our firm sponsors and offers a wrap fee program, which allows clients to pay a single fee for investment advisory services and associated custodial transaction costs. Transaction fees will be paid by our firm via individual transaction charges. Because our firm absorbs client transaction fees, an incentive exists to limit trading activities in client accounts. Custodial transaction costs, however, are not included in the advisory fee charged by our firm for non-wrap services, and are to be paid by the client to their chosen custodian. Depending on the client's account or portfolio trading activity, clients may pay more for using our wrap fee services than they would for using our non-wrap services.

LPL Financial offers a trading platform with select exchange traded funds ("ETFs") that do not charge transaction fees. The no-transaction-fee ETF trading platform is available to clients participating in LPL Financial's Strategic Wealth Management ("SWM") and Strategic Asset Management ("SAM") programs. Since our firm pays the transaction fees charged by LPL Financial to clients participating in our wrap fee program, we are incentivized to recommend no-transaction-fee ETFs over other types of securities and ETFs in order to reduce our costs. It is important for the client to understand that this presents a conflict of interest because the limited number of ETFs available on the no-transaction fee platform may have higher overall expenses than other types of securities and ETFs not included in the platform. In addition, other major custodians have eliminated transaction fees for all ETFs and U.S. equities, so clients may pay more for investing in the same securities at LPL Financial.

Our firm may recommend, in addition to LPL Financial, Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. ("Schwab") as an alternative custodian to LPL for clients who are otherwise prohibited from holding investments at LPL. Schwab does not charge transaction fees for U.S. listed equities and exchange traded funds. Since we pay the transaction fees charged by Schwab to clients participating in our wrap fee program, this

presents a conflict of interest because we are incentivized to recommend equities and exchange traded funds over other types of securities in order to reduce our costs.

## **Our Wrap Advisory Services**

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### **Our Managed Asset Program**

We emphasize continuous and regular account supervision. As part of our asset management service, we generally create a portfolio, consisting of individual stocks or bonds, exchange traded funds ("ETFs"), options, mutual funds and other public and private securities or investments. We also provide investment management services for plan participants' 401(k)s including rollover options and the risks of moving assets out of 401(k) plans. The client's individual investment strategy is tailored to their specific needs and may include some or all of the previously mentioned securities. Each portfolio will be initially designed to meet a particular investment goal, which we determine to be suitable to the client's circumstances. Once the appropriate portfolio has been determined, we review the portfolio at least annually and if necessary, rebalance the portfolio based upon the client's individual needs, stated goals, and objectives. Each client has the opportunity to place reasonable restrictions on the types of investments to be held in the portfolio.

Our Managed Asset Program maximum fee schedule:

<b>Assets Under Management</b>	<b>Annual Percentage of Assets Charge</b>
\$0 to \$499,999.99	Up to 2.4%
\$500,000 to \$999,999.99	Up to 1.9%
Over \$1,000,000	Up to 1.4%

For LPL Accounts:

The fee to be assessed to each account will be detailed in the client's signed advisory agreement, LPL Account Application or LPL Tiered Fee Authorization form. Fees are billed on a pro-rata basis quarterly in advance based on the value of the account(s) on the last day of the previous quarter. Fees will be deducted from the account(s). Please also note that clients shall be billed on cash or cash equivalents unless otherwise indicated in writing. Please note that fees will be adjusted for deposits and withdrawals made during the quarter. If accounts are opened during the quarter, the pro-rata advisory fees will be deducted during the next regularly scheduled billing cycle. As part of this process, Clients understand the following:

- a) LPL as the client's custodian sends statements at least quarterly, showing all disbursements for each account, including the amount of the advisory fees paid to our firm;
- b) Clients provide authorization permitting LPL to deduct these fees;
- c) LPL calculates the advisory fees for all fee schedules and deducts them from the client's account.

For Schwab Accounts:

Fees to be assessed will be outlined in the advisory agreement to be signed by the Client. Annualized fees are billed on a pro-rata basis quarterly in advance based on the value of the account(s) on the last day of the previous quarter. Fees are negotiable and will be deducted from client account(s). Please also note that clients shall be billed on cash or cash equivalents unless otherwise indicated in

writing. Adjustments will be made for deposits and withdrawals during the quarter. Our firm does not offer direct invoicing. As part of this process, Clients understand the following:

- a) The client's independent custodian sends statements at least quarterly showing the market values for each security included in the Assets and all account disbursements, including the amount of the advisory fees paid to our firm;
- b) Clients will provide authorization permitting our firm to be directly paid by these terms. Our firm will send an invoice directly to the custodian; and
- c) If our firm sends a copy of our invoice to the client, a legend urging the comparison of information provided in our statement with those from the qualified custodian will be included.

Our Managed Asset Program allows our clients to pay a specified fee for investment advisory services and the execution of transactions. The fee is not based directly upon transactions in your account. Your fee is bundled with our costs for executing transactions in your account(s). This results in a higher advisory fee to you. We do not charge our clients higher advisory fees based on their trading activity, but you should be aware that we may have an incentive to limit our trading activities in your account(s) because we are charged for executed trades. By participating in our Managed Asset Program, you may end up paying more or less than you would through a non-wrap fee program where a lower advisory fee is charged, but trade execution costs are passed directly through to you by the executing broker.

You may pay custodial fees, charges imposed directly by a mutual fund, index fund, or exchange traded fund which shall be disclosed in the fund's prospectus (i.e., fund management fees and other fund expenses), mark-ups and mark-downs, spreads paid to market makers, wire transfer fees and other fees and taxes on brokerage accounts and securities transactions. These fees are not included within the Managed Asset Program fee you are charged by our firm.

Our investment advisory representatives receive a portion of the advisory fee that you pay us, either directly as a percentage of your overall fee or as their salary from our firm. In cases where our investment advisory representatives are paid a percentage of your overall advisory fee, this may create an incentive to recommend that you participate in our Managed Asset Program rather than a non-wrap fee program (where you would pay for trade execution costs) or brokerage account where commissions are charged. This is because, in some cases, we may stand to earn more compensation from advisory fees paid to us through our Managed Asset Program arrangement if your account is not actively traded.

## **Item 5: Account Requirements & Types of Clients**

We do not impose minimum account size to open or maintain an account with us. The types of clients we typically manage accounts on behalf of, include:

- Individuals and High Net Worth Individuals;
- Trusts, Estates or Charitable Organizations;
- Pension and Profit Sharing Plans;
- Corporations, limited liability companies and/or other business types;
- Other Investment Advisers.

## Item 6: Portfolio Manager Selection & Evaluation

### **Selection of Portfolio Managers:**

Our firm's investment adviser representatives ("IARs") act as portfolio manager(s) for this wrap fee program. A conflict arises in that other investment advisory firms may charge the same or lower fees than our firm for similar services. Our IARs are subject to individual licensing requirements as imposed by state securities boards. Our firm is required to confirm or update each IAR's Form U4 on an annual basis. IAR supervision is conducted by our Chief Compliance Officer or management personnel.

Our firm does not utilize outside portfolio managers. All accounts are managed by our in-house licensed investment adviser representatives ("IARs") of our firm. Prior to becoming licensed with our firm, each IARs industry experience, licensure, outside business activities, client complaints (if any), disciplinary or regulatory history (if any) and financial well-being will be reviewed. Each IAR will then have a Form U4 and ADV Part 2B on file with our firm.

Performance returns of wrap portfolios are reviewed at least quarterly. The nature of these reviews is to learn whether client accounts are in line with their investment objectives and appropriately positioned based on market conditions. If these standards fall below the client objectives, our firm will discuss the review with the portfolio manager for proactive action to realign the investment strategy.

### **Tailoring of Advisory Services and Participation in Wrap Fee Programs**

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We offer individualized investment advice to clients utilizing the Managed Asset Program services. All accounts are managed according to the client's investment objectives, financial goals, risk tolerance, etc. We do not manage Managed Asset Program accounts in a different fashion than non-wrap fee accounts. Each client has the opportunity to place reasonable restrictions on the types of investments to be held in the portfolio. Restrictions on investments in certain securities or types of securities may not be possible due to the level of difficulty this would entail in managing the account.

### **Performance-based fees and side-by-side management**

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We do not charge performance fees to our clients.

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

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**Methods of Analysis.** We may use the following methods of analysis in formulating our investment advice and/or managing client assets:

**Fundamental Analysis.** We attempt to measure the intrinsic value of a security by looking at economic and financial factors (including the overall economy, industry conditions, and the financial condition and management of the company itself) to determine if the company is underpriced (indicating it may be a good time to buy) or overpriced (indicating it may be time to sell). Fundamental analysis does not attempt to anticipate market movements. This presents a potential

risk, as the price of a security can move up or down along with the overall market regardless of the economic and financial factors considered in evaluating the stock.

**Asset Allocation.** Rather than focusing primarily on securities selection, we attempt to identify an appropriate ratio of securities, fixed income, and cash suitable to the client's investment goals and risk tolerance. A risk of asset allocation is that the client may not participate in sharp increases in a particular security, industry or market sector. Another risk is that the ratio of securities, fixed income, and cash will change over time due to stock and market movements and, if not corrected, will no longer be appropriate for the client's goals.

**Mutual Fund and/or ETF Analysis.** We look at the experience and track record of the manager of the mutual fund or ETF in an attempt to determine if that manager has demonstrated an ability to invest over a period of time and in different economic conditions. We also look at the underlying assets in a mutual fund or ETF in an attempt to determine if there is significant overlap in the underlying investments held in another fund(s) in the client's portfolio. We also monitor the funds or ETFs in an attempt to determine if they are continuing to follow their stated investment strategy. A risk of mutual fund and/or ETF analysis is that, as in all securities investments, past performance does not guarantee future results. A manager who has been successful may not be able to replicate that success in the future. In addition, as we do not control the underlying investments in a fund or ETF, managers of different funds held by the client may purchase the same security, increasing the risk to the client if that security were to fall in value. There is also a risk that a manager may deviate from the stated investment mandate or strategy of the fund or ETF, which could make the holding(s) less suitable for the client's portfolio.

**Quantitative Analysis.** We use quantitative analysis that may include mathematical analysis in an attempt to identify the impact of interest rate changes on individual securities and portfolios of securities. The results of our quantitative analysis are taken into consideration in the decision to buy or sell securities and in the management of portfolio characteristics. A risk in using quantitative analysis is that the methods or models used may be based on assumptions that prove to be incorrect.

**Qualitative Analysis.** We use qualitative analysis to evaluate individual securities, focusing on non-quantifiable factors such as quality of management and others not readily subject to measurement, and incorporate that analysis into our security selection process. A risk in using qualitative analysis is that our subjective judgment may prove incorrect.

**Asset Allocation.** We generally focus on identifying an appropriate allocation of securities, maturities, market sectors and yield curve positioning suitable for the client's investment goals and risk tolerance. While asset allocation is recognized by professional investment advisers as a prudent approach, a risk of asset allocation is that the client may not participate in sharp increases in a particular security, industry or market sector. Another risk is that the allocation will change over time due to market movements in the various sectors, which, if not corrected, may no longer be appropriate for the client's goals.

**Risks for all forms of analysis.** Our securities analysis methods rely on the assumption that the companies whose securities we purchase and sell, the rating agencies that review these securities, and other publicly-available sources of information about these securities, are providing accurate and unbiased data. While we are alert to indications that data may be incorrect, there is always a risk that our analysis may be compromised by inaccurate or misleading information.



## Investment Strategies

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We use the following strategies in managing client accounts, provided that such strategies are appropriate to the needs of the client and consistent with the client's investment objectives, risk tolerance, and time horizons, among other considerations. Typically, we employ this strategy when:

1. We believe the securities to be currently undervalued, and/or
2. We want exposure to a particular asset class over time, regardless of the current projection for this class.

**Long-term purchases.** When utilizing this strategy, we may purchase securities with the idea of holding them for a relatively long time (typically held for at least a year). A risk in a long-term purchase strategy is that by holding the security for this length of time, we may not take advantages of short-term gains that could be profitable to a client. Moreover, if our predictions are incorrect, a security may decline sharply in value before we make the decision to sell. Typically, we employ this sub-strategy when we believe the securities to be well valued and/or we want exposure to a particular asset class over time, regardless of the current projection for this class.

**Margin Loans:** Our firm may allow or recommend that you to pledge securities from your portfolio as collateral for a loan by using margin in brokerage account. This allows you to own more stock than you would be able to with your available cash. Margin accounts and transactions are risky and not necessarily appropriate for every client.

The potential risks associated with these transactions are (1) You can lose more funds than are deposited into the margin account; (2) the forced sale of securities or other assets in your account; (3) the sale of securities or other assets without contacting you; (4) you may not be entitled to choose which securities or other assets in your account(s) are liquidated or sold to meet a margin call; and (5) custodians charge interest on margin balances which will reduce your returns over time.

**Short-term purchases.** When utilizing this strategy, we may also purchase securities with the idea of selling them within a relatively short time (typically a year or less). We do this in an attempt to take advantage of conditions that we believe will soon result in a price swing in the securities we purchase.

**Trading.** We purchase securities with the idea of selling them very quickly (typically within 30 days or less). We do this in an attempt to take advantage of our predictions of brief price swings.

**Fixed Income Portfolio Management Investment Strategies.** We believe that a conservative, risk-averse approach to fixed income management will provide both steady incremental outperformance, and low relative volatility.

The disciplined process we employ in an effort to realize this philosophy is generally grounded in four key decisions:

1. Constraint of portfolio duration within a narrow range relative to the benchmark in order to limit exposure to market and interest rate risk.
2. Strategic allocations to key sectors to add value relative to the benchmark.
3. Proactive management of term structure to add value in different yield curve environments.
4. Security selection based on rigorous credit and relative value analysis and broad diversification of nongovernment issuers.

Within our Fixed Income strategy, we use the following sub-strategies in managing client accounts, provided that such sub-strategies are appropriate to the needs of the client and consistent with the client's investment objectives, risk tolerance, and time horizons, among other considerations:

**Duration Constraints.** We adhere to a discipline of generally maintaining duration within a narrow band around benchmark duration in order to limit exposure to market risk. Our portfolio management team rebalances client portfolios to their current duration targets on a periodic basis. The risk of constraining duration is that the client may not participate fully in a large rally in bond prices.

**Sector Allocation.** We allocate client assets to various sectors of the fixed income market, including US Treasury obligations, federal agency securities, corporate notes, mortgage-backed securities and others, based on our quantitative and qualitative analysis in order to manage client exposure to a given sector and to provide exposure to sectors we believe have good value. The risk of sector allocation is that clients may not participate fully in an increase in value in any specific sector.

**Security Selection.** A proprietary credit evaluation process drives our security selection process. The system uses both internally and externally generated credit research to evaluate securities we are considering for purchase. Based on research we conduct internally; our Credit Committee selects securities for our Approved list. The ultimate decision to purchase or sell a security is based on the firm's evaluation of the current price for the security. The risk of security selection is that the methods of analysis employed will not provide accurate measurement of the risk association with each individual security.

**Cash Balances.** We generally invest client's cash balances in money market funds, FDIC Insured Certificates of Deposit, high-grade commercial paper and/or government backed debt instruments. Ultimately, we try to achieve the highest return on our client's cash balances through relatively low-risk conservative investments. In most cases, at least a partial cash balance will be maintained in a money market account so that our firm may debit advisory fees for our services related to asset management, as applicable.

### **Voting Client Securities**

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We do not accept the proxy authority to vote client securities. Clients will receive proxies or other solicitations directly from their custodian or a transfer agent. In the event that proxies are sent to our firm, we will forward them on to you and ask the party who sent them to mail them directly to you in the future. Clients may call, write or email us to discuss questions they may have about particular proxy votes or other solicitations.

## **Item 7: Client Information Provided to Portfolio Manager**

All accounts are managed by our in-house licensed IARs. The IAR selected to manage the client's account(s) or portfolio(s) will be privy to the client's investment goals and objectives, risk tolerance, restrictions placed on the management of the account(s) or portfolio(s) and relevant client notes taken by our firm. Please see our firm's Privacy Policy for more information on how our firm utilizes client information.

## **Item 8: Client Contact with Portfolio Manager**

Clients are always free to directly contact our firm with questions or concerns about their portfolios or other matters.

## **Item 9: Additional Information**

### **Disciplinary Information**

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We have determined that our firm and management have no disciplinary information to disclose.

### **Financial Industry Activities & Affiliations**

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Since we participate in LPL Financial's hybrid RIA program the majority of our investment adviser representatives are also registered representatives with LPL, through which all brokerage transactions will be implemented. Investment adviser representatives are required to implement brokerage trades in this manner as a result of them being registered representatives with LPL. This relationship will be disclosed to all clients during their on boarding process. As a result of this relationship, we do not recommend directed brokerage trades, negotiating fees or commissions or receiving additional incentives from other broker/dealers for trades executed through them. However, clients will be made aware that as registered representatives, the investment adviser representatives receive services including but not limited to: administrative functions including portfolio pricing, account statement generation, fee calculations, back-office support, trade execution and research. Clients are not obligated to implement transactions through the investment adviser representatives in their separate capacities as registered representatives. Clients' trades will always be implemented based on the goals and objectives of the client and not on the incentives to the representatives for implementing the trades. Our firm's management persons will only receive commissions for securities recommendations they make to brokerage clients in non-advisory accounts. As a result of this relationship, LPL Financial may have access to certain confidential information (e.g., financial information, investment objectives, transactions and holdings) about clients, even if client does not establish any account through LPL, for regulatory purposes. If you would like a copy of the LPL Financial privacy policy, please contact Gregory Shoemaker.

Occasionally, while advisors move from LPL's corporate RIA to Cornerstone Wealth Management's hybrid RIA, they will maintain registrations with both firms during the transition.

Our advisory representatives may also be licensed to sell insurance products. As such, they may have an incentive to sell and recommend insurance products to advisory clients. When such recommendations or sales are made, a conflict of interest exists as our representative may earn insurance commissions for the sale of those products. Clients are under no obligation to purchase insurance products recommended to them by our advisory representatives.

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

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We recognize that the personal investment transactions of members and employees of our firm demand the application of a high Code of Ethics and require that all such transactions be carried out in a way that does not endanger the interest of any client. At the same time, we believe that if investment goals are similar for clients and for members and employees of our firm, it is logical and even desirable that there be common ownership of some securities.

Therefore, in order to prevent conflicts of interest, we have in place a set of procedures (including a pre-clearing procedure) with respect to transactions effected by our members, officers and employees for their personal accounts. In order to monitor compliance with our personal trading policy, we have a quarterly securities transaction reporting system for all of our associates.

Furthermore, our firm has established a Code of Ethics which applies to all of our associated persons. An investment adviser is considered a fiduciary. As a fiduciary, it is an investment adviser's responsibility to provide fair and full disclosure of all material facts and to act solely in the best interest of each of our clients at all times. We have a fiduciary duty to all clients. Our fiduciary duty is considered the core underlying principle for our Code of Ethics which also includes Insider Trading and Personal Securities Transactions Policies and Procedures. We require all of our supervised persons to conduct business with the highest level of ethical standards and to comply with all federal and state securities laws at all times. Upon employment or affiliation and at least annually thereafter, all supervised persons will sign an acknowledgement that they have read, understand, and agree to comply with our Code of Ethics. Our firm and supervised persons must conduct business in an honest, ethical, and fair manner and avoid all circumstances that might negatively affect or appear to affect our duty of complete loyalty to all clients. This disclosure is provided to give all clients a summary of our Code of Ethics. However, if a client or a potential client wishes to review our Code of Ethics in its entirety, a copy will be provided promptly upon request.

Related persons of our firm may buy or sell securities and other investments that are also recommended to clients. In order to minimize this conflict of interest, our related persons will place client interests ahead of their own interests and adhere to our firm's Code of Ethics, a copy of which is available upon request.

Similarly, related persons of our firm may buy or sell securities for themselves at or about the same time they buy or sell the same securities for client accounts. In order to minimize this conflict of interest, our related persons will place client interests ahead of their own interests and adhere to our firm's Code of Ethics, a copy of which is available upon request. Further, our related persons will refrain from buying or selling the same securities prior to buying or selling for our clients in the same day. If related persons' accounts are included in a block trade, our related persons will always trade personal accounts last.

## **Review of Accounts**

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We review accounts on at least an annual basis for our clients subscribing to our Managed Asset Program. The nature of these reviews is to learn whether clients' accounts are in line with their investment objectives, appropriately positioned based on market conditions, and investment policies, if applicable. Only our Financial Advisors or Portfolio Managers will conduct reviews. We do not provide written reports to clients, unless asked to do so. Verbal reports to clients take place on at least an annual basis when we contact our clients.

We may review client accounts more frequently than described above. Among the factors which may trigger an off-cycle review are major market or economic events, the client's life events, requests by the client, etc.

## **Client Referrals & Other Compensation**

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### **Referral Fees**

In accordance with Rule 206 (4)-1 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, our firm does not provide cash or non-cash compensation directly or indirectly to unaffiliated persons for testimonials or endorsements (which include client referrals).

### **LPL Financial, LLC**

We may receive from LPL or a mutual fund company, without cost and/or at a discount support services and/or products, to assist us to better monitor and service client accounts maintained at such institutions. Included within the support services we may receive investment-related research, pricing information and market data, software and other technology that provide access to client account data, compliance and/or practice management-related publications, discounted or gratis consulting services, discounted and/or gratis attendance at conferences, meetings, and other educational and/or social events, marketing support, computer hardware and/or software and/or other products used by us to assist us in our investment advisory business operations. Additionally, LPL may compensate our firm for on boarding advisors.

Our clients do not pay more for investment transactions effected and/or assets maintained at LPL as result of this arrangement. There is no commitment made by us to LPL or any other institution as a result of the above arrangement.

### **Schwab**

Our firm receives economic benefit from Schwab in the form of the support products and services made available to our firm and other independent investment advisors that have their clients maintain accounts at Schwab. These products and services, how they benefit our firm, and the related conflicts of interest are described in *Form ADV Part 2A, Item 12 – Brokerage Practices*. The availability of Schwab's products and services is not based on our firm giving particular investment advice, such as buying particular securities for our clients.

## **Financial Information**

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We do not require, nor do we solicit prepayment of more than \$1,200 in fees per client, six months or more in advance. Therefore, we have not included a balance sheet for our most recent fiscal year. Cornerstone Wealth Management, LLC has never been subject to a bankruptcy petition.