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## ITEM 2: MATERIAL CHANGES

Material changes relate to Centennial Advisors, LLC's policies, practices, or conflicts of interests. Since the last annual amendment filed in October 2024, the Firm has made the following material changes:

- Item 4: Updated firm ownership information to reflect change from MKR Group, LLC. to Reese Wealth Group, LLC. Updated descriptions of firm services to better align with offerings. Updated the firm's Assets Under Management to reflect values as of 12/31/2024.
- Item 5: Enhanced language regarding firm fees to provide better clarity for clients and prospects.
- Item 7: Added Pension & Profit Sharing Plans and Corporations to types of firm clients.
- Item 10: Updated to reflect change from MKR Group, LLC. to Reese Wealth Group, LLC.
- Item 12: Updated language around trading execution to reflect arrangement with AE Wealth Management.
- Item 13: Updated language regarding account reviews to distinguish between subscription and one time Financial planning clients.

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## ITEM 4: ADVISORY BUSINESS

### A. Description of the Advisory Firm

Centennial Advisors, LLC (hereinafter "CA") is a Limited Liability Company organized in the State of Texas. The firm was formed in August 2017, and the principal owner is Reese Wealth Group, LLC, which in turn is owned by Michael D. Reese. Kristin Prieur is CA's Chief Compliance Officer.

### B. Types of Advisory Services

#### ***Investment Management Services***

CA offers ongoing portfolio management services based on the individual goals, objectives, time horizon, and risk tolerance of each client. CA creates an Investment Policy Statement for each client, which outlines the client's current situation (income, tax levels, and risk tolerance levels) and then constructs a plan to aid in the selection of a portfolio that matches each client's specific situation. Portfolio management services include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Investment strategy
- Asset allocation
- Risk tolerance
- Personal investment policy
- Asset selection
- Regular portfolio monitoring

CA evaluates the current investments of each client with respect to their risk tolerance levels and time horizon. CA will request discretionary authority from clients in order to select securities and execute transactions without permission from the client prior to each transaction. Risk tolerance levels are documented in the Investment Policy Statement, which is given to each client.

CA seeks to provide that investment decisions are made in accordance with the fiduciary duties owed to its accounts and without consideration of CA's economic, investment or other Financial interests. To meet its fiduciary obligations, CA attempts to avoid, among other things, investment, or trading practices that systematically advantage or disadvantage certain client portfolios, and accordingly, CA's policy is to seek fair and equitable allocation of investment opportunities/ transactions among its clients to avoid favoring one client over another over time. It is CA's policy to allocate investment opportunities and transactions it identifies as being appropriate and prudent among its clients on a fair and equitable basis over time.

CA may direct clients to third-party investment advisers to manage all or a portion of the client's assets. Before selecting other advisers for clients, CA will always ensure those other advisers are properly licensed or registered as an investment adviser. CA conducts due diligence on any third-party investment adviser, which may involve one or more of the following: phone calls, meetings and review of the third-party adviser's performance and investment strategy. CA then makes investments with a third-party investment adviser by referring the client to the third-party adviser. CA may also allocate among one or more private equity funds or private equity fund advisers. CA will review the ongoing performance of the third-party adviser as a portion of the client's portfolio.

#### ***Financial Planning***

CA offers Financial plans and Financial planning. These services may include but are not limited to: investment planning; life insurance; tax concerns; retirement planning; college planning; and debt/credit planning. Financial planning is customized to meet the client's individual needs and, as a result, fees vary based on complexity of the plan. Clients who engage us for these services receive a consultation (or consultations, as necessary) to discuss their unique Financial circumstances, investment objectives and needs, tolerance for risk, time horizon for investments, and any particular issues of Financial concern related to the selected Financial planning and consulting topics. We will review pertinent Financial documents and information you provide and provide you with a written Financial plan or report at the conclusion of our services, as appropriate for the scope of the engagement. The Financial plan or report will include a summary of your relevant Financial circumstances and a course of action and/or investment recommendations designed to assist you in achieving your stated Financial goals.

#### ***Rollover Recommendations***

As part of our investment advisory services to you, we may recommend that you withdraw the assets from your employer's retirement plan and roll the assets over to an individual retirement account ("IRA") that we will manage on your behalf. If you

elect to roll the assets to an IRA that is subject to our management, we will charge you an asset-based fee as set forth in the agreement you executed with our firm. This practice presents a conflict of interest because persons providing investment advice on our behalf have an incentive to recommend a rollover to you for the purpose of generating fee-based compensation rather than solely based on your needs. You are under no obligation, contractually or otherwise, to complete the rollover. Moreover, if you do complete the rollover, you are under no obligation to have the assets in an IRA managed by our firm. Many employers permit former employees to keep their retirement assets in their company plan. Also, current employees can sometimes move assets out of their company plan before they retire or change jobs. In determining whether to complete the rollover to an IRA, and to the extent the following options are available, you should consider the costs and benefits of: 1) Leaving the funds in your employer's (former employer's) plan; 2) moving the funds to a new employer's retirement plan; 3) cashing out and taking a taxable distribution from the plan; and/or 4) rolling the funds into an IRA rollover account. Each of these options has advantages and disadvantages and before making a change we encourage you to speak with your CPA and/or tax attorney. Our recommendations may include any of them, depending on what we feel is in your best interest. We are fiduciaries under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 and when we provide investment advice to you regarding your retirement plan account or individual retirement account, we are also fiduciaries within the meaning of Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act and/or the Internal Revenue Code, as applicable, which are laws governing retirement accounts. As a fiduciary, we are required to document the reason(s) for why the recommendation we made is in your best interest.

### ***Services Limited to Specific Types of Investments***

CA generally limits its investment advice to individual stocks, mutual funds, fixed income securities, real estate funds (including REITs), insurance products including annuities, equities, private equity funds, ETFs (including ETFs in the gold and precious metal sectors), treasury inflation protected/inflation linked bonds and commodities. CA may use other securities as well to help diversify a portfolio when applicable.

### **C. Client Tailored Services and Client Imposed Restrictions**

CA will tailor a program for each individual client. This will include an interview session to get to know the client's specific needs and requirements as well as a plan that will be executed by CA on behalf of the client. CA may use model allocations together with a specific set of recommendations for each client based on their personal restrictions, needs, and targets. Clients may impose restrictions in investing in certain securities or types of securities in accordance with their values or beliefs. However, if the restrictions prevent CA from properly servicing the client account, or if the restrictions would require CA to deviate from its standard suite of services, CA reserves the right to end the relationship.

### **D. Wrap Fee Programs**

A wrap fee is a fee an investor pays that includes management fees, transaction costs, fund expenses, and other administrative fees. CA's investment management services are offered as part of a wrap fee program. For more information, please see the Centennial Advisors, LLC Wrap Fee Program brochure.

### **E. Assets Under Management**

CA has the following assets under management:

<b>DISCRETIONARY AMOUNTS:</b>	<b>NON-DISCRETIONARY AMOUNTS</b>	<b>DATE CALCULATED:</b>
\$169,816,405	\$0	December 2024

## ITEM 5: FEES AND COMPENSATION

### A. Fee Schedule

#### ***Investment Management Fees***

CA bases its annual investment management fee for managed discretionary assets upon a percentage (%) of the market value of the assets and the specific types of investment management services provided. CA uses an average of the daily balance in the client's account throughout the billing period, after taking into account deposits and withdrawals, for purposes of determining the market value of the assets upon which the advisory fee is based. The following are the fees charged by Centennial Advisors, LLC for services provided:

<b>Assets Under Management:</b>	<b>Annual Fee:</b>
<b>First \$500K</b>	<b>1.50%</b>
<b>Next \$500K</b>	<b>1.25%</b>
<b>Next \$2M</b>	<b>1.00%</b>
<b>Next \$2M</b>	<b>0.80%</b>
<b>Next \$5M</b>	<b>0.60%</b>
<b>Over \$10M</b>	<b>0.50%</b>

These fees are generally negotiable, and the fee schedule is attached as Exhibit II of the Investment Advisory Contract. Clients may terminate the agreement without penalty for a full refund of CA's fees within five business days of signing the Investment Advisory Contract. Thereafter, clients may terminate the Investment Advisory Contract immediately upon written notice.

Assets allocated to the Centennial Alternative Income Fund will be charged an annual fee of 1.00%.

#### ***Selection of Other Advisers Fees***

CA will receive its standard fee on top of the fee paid to the third-party adviser. This relationship will be memorialized in each contract between CA and each third-party adviser. The fees will not exceed any limit imposed by any regulatory agency. Specifically, CA may direct clients to AE Wealth Management.

These fees are negotiable.

#### ***Financial Planning Fees***

**Fixed Fees:** The negotiated fixed rate for creating client Financial plans is a minimum of \$1,500 and can increase based on the client's needs and complexity of the plan.

**Subscription-based Fee:** Our Financial planning services may also be offered on a monthly subscription fee basis depending on complexity and services provided. If a client chooses the subscription model, the client will enter into a twelve-month contract and the fee is payable via credit card using AdvicePay.

Clients may terminate the agreement without penalty, for full refund of CA's fees, within five business days of signing the Financial Planning Agreement. Thereafter, clients may terminate the Financial Planning Agreement upon written notice to CA.

### B. Payment of Fees

#### ***Payment of Investment Management Fees***

Asset-based investment management fees are withdrawn directly from the clients' accounts with clients' written authorization on a monthly basis or may be invoiced and billed directly to the client on a monthly basis. Clients may select the method in which

they are billed. Fees are paid in arrears.

### ***Payment of Selection of Other Advisers Fees***

Fees for selection of AE Wealth Management as third-party adviser: All accounts utilizing AE Wealth Management as third-party adviser are part of the Centennial Advisors Wrap Fee Program. CA will withdraw the fees directly from the client's accounts with client's written authorization. CA will then pay a portion of the fee to AE Wealth Management. Fees are paid monthly in arrears. See the Wrap Fee Program Brochure for further information.

### ***Payment of Financial Planning Fees***

Financial planning fees are paid via AdvicePay, credit card, or CA can bill the portfolio if under CA's management.

## **C. Client Responsibility for Third Party Fees**

Clients are responsible for the payment of all third-party fees (i.e., custodian fees and brokerage fees). Those fees are separate and distinct from the fees and expenses charged by CA. Please see Item 12 of this brochure regarding broker- dealer/custodian.

## **ITEM 6: PERFORMANCE-BASED FEES AND SIDE-BY-SIDE MANAGEMENT**

CA does not accept performance-based fees or other fees based on a share of capital gains on or capital appreciation of the assets of a client.

## **ITEM 7: TYPES OF CLIENTS**

CA generally provides advisory services to the following types of clients:

- Individuals
- High-Net-Worth Individuals
- Pension and Profit Sharing plans
- Corporations

There is no account minimum for any of CA's services.

## **ITEM 8: METHODS OF ANALYSIS, INVESTMENT STRATEGIES, & RISK OF LOSS**

### **A. Methods of Analysis and Investment Strategies**

#### ***Methods of Analysis***

CA's primary method of analysis is fundamental analysis.

**Fundamental analysis** involves the analysis of Financial statements, the general Financial health of companies, and/or the analysis of management or competitive advantages.

#### ***Investment Strategies***

CA primarily utilizes long-term investing strategies for client accounts.

**Investing in securities involves a risk of loss that you, as a client, should be prepared to bear.**



## B. Material Risks Involved

**Fundamental analysis** concentrates on factors that determine a company's value and expected future earnings. This strategy would normally encourage equity purchases in stocks that are undervalued or priced below their perceived value. The risk assumed is that the market will fail to reach expectations of perceived value.

### *Investment Strategies*

**Long-term investing** is designed to capture market rates of both return and risk. Due to its nature, the long-term investment strategy can expose clients to various types of risk that will typically surface at various intervals during the time the client owns the investments. These risks include but are not limited to inflation (purchasing power) risk, interest rate risk, economic risk, market risk, and political/regulatory risk.

**Selection of Other Advisers** Although CA will seek to select only money managers who will invest clients' assets with the highest level of integrity, CA's selection process cannot ensure that money managers will perform as desired, and CA will have no control over the day- to-day operations of any of its selected money managers. CA would not necessarily be aware of certain activities at the underlying money manager level, including without limitation a money manager's engaging in unreported risks, investment "style drift" or even regulatory breaches or fraud.

**Investing in securities involves a risk of loss that you, as a client, should be prepared to bear.**

## C. Risks of Specific Securities Utilized

Clients should be aware that there is a material risk of loss using any investment strategy. The investment types listed below (leaving aside Treasury Inflation Protected/Inflation Linked Bonds) are not guaranteed or insured by the FDIC or any other government agency.

**Mutual Funds** Investing in mutual funds carries the risk of capital loss and thus you may lose money investing in mutual funds. All mutual funds have costs that lower investment returns. The funds can be of bond "fixed income" nature (lower risk) or stock "equity" nature.

**Equity** investment generally refers to buying shares of stocks in return for receiving a future payment of dividends and/ or capital gains if the value of the stock increases. The value of equity securities may fluctuate in response to specific situations for each company, industry conditions and the general economic environments.

**Fixed income** investments generally pay a return on a fixed schedule, though the amount of payments can vary. This type of investment can include corporate and government debt securities, leveraged loans, high yield, and investment grade debt and structured products, such as mortgage and other asset-backed securities, although individual bonds may be the best-known type of fixed income security. In general, the fixed income market is volatile and fixed income securities carry interest rate risk. (As interest rates rise, bond prices usually fall, and vice versa. This effect is usually more pronounced for longer-term securities.) Fixed income securities also carry inflation risk, liquidity risk, call risk, and credit and default risks for both issuers and counter parties. The risk of default on treasury inflation protected/inflation linked bonds is dependent upon the U.S. Treasury defaulting (extremely unlikely); however, they carry a potential risk of losing share price value, albeit rather minimal. Risks of investing in foreign fixed income securities also include the general risk of non-U.S. investing described below.

**Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs)** An ETF is an investment fund traded on stock exchanges, similar to stocks. Investing in ETFs carries the risk of capital loss (sometimes up to a 100% loss in the case of a stock holding bankruptcy). Areas of concern include the lack of transparency in products and increasing complexity, conflicts of interest and the possibility of inadequate regulatory compliance. Precious Metal ETFs (e.g., Gold, Silver, or Palladium Bullion backed "electronic shares" not physical metal) specifically may be negatively impacted by several unique factors, among them (1) large sales by the official sector which own a significant portion of aggregate world holdings in gold and other precious metals, (2) a significant increase in hedging activities by producers of gold or other precious metals, (3) a significant change in the attitude of speculators and investors.

**Real estate** funds (including REITs) face several kinds of risk that are inherent in the real estate sector, which historically has experienced significant fluctuations and cycles in performance. Revenues and cash flows may be adversely affected by: changes

in local real estate market conditions due to changes in national or local economic conditions or changes in local property market characteristics; competition from other properties offering the same or similar services; changes in interest rates and in the state of the debt and equity credit markets; the ongoing need for capital improvements; changes in real estate tax rates and other operating expenses; adverse changes in governmental rules and fiscal policies; adverse changes in zoning laws; the impact of present or future environmental legislation and compliance with environmental laws.

**Annuities** are a retirement product for those who may have the ability to pay a premium now and want to guarantee they receive certain monthly payments or a return on investment later in the future. Annuities are contracts issued by a life insurance company designed to meet requirement or other long-term goals. An annuity is not a life insurance policy. Variable annuities are designed to be long-term investments, to meet retirement and other long-range goals. Variable annuities are not suitable for meeting short-term goals because substantial taxes and insurance company charges may apply if you withdraw your money early. Variable annuities also involve investment risks, just as mutual funds do.

**Private equity** funds carry certain risks. Capital calls will be made on short notice, and the failure to meet capital calls can result in significant adverse consequences, including but not limited to a total loss of investment.

**Commodities** are tangible assets used to manufacture and produce goods or services. Commodity prices are affected by different risk factors, such as disease, storage capacity, supply, demand, delivery constraints and weather. Because of those risk factors, even a well-diversified investment in commodities can be uncertain.

**Past performance is not indicative of future results. Investing in securities involves a risk of loss that you, as a client, should be prepared to bear.**

## ITEM 9: DISCIPLINARY INFORMATION

### A. Criminal or Civil Actions

There are no criminal or civil actions to report.

### B. Administrative Proceedings

There are no administrative proceedings to report.

### C. Self-regulatory Organization (SRO) Proceedings

There are no self-regulatory organization proceedings to report.

## ITEM 10: OTHER FINANCIAL INDUSTRY ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS

### A. Registration as a Broker/Dealer or Broker/Dealer Representative

Neither CA nor its representatives are registered as, or have pending applications to become, a broker/dealer or a representative of a broker/dealer.

### B. Registration as a Futures Commission Merchant, Commodity Pool Operator, or a Commodity Trading Advisor

Neither CA nor its representatives are registered as or have pending applications to become either a Futures Commission Merchant, Commodity Pool Operator, or Commodity Trading Advisor or an associated person of the foregoing entities.

### C. Registration Relationships Material to this Advisory Business and Possible Conflicts of Interests

#### ***Insurance Product Recommendations***

Through our affiliate CA Financial, LLC, our Financial representatives can sell other products or provide services outside of their

role as investment adviser representatives with us.

Due to the firm's Financial planning philosophy, it is common for our Financial professionals to recommend that clients utilize insurance products (for example, a fixed index annuity ("FIA")) as part of the client's overall Financial plan in lieu of separately managed accounts (specifically, in lieu of cash and fixed income asset classes). You should be aware that there are a number of conflicts of interests that are present due to our planning philosophy and recommendations to utilize insurance products in this nature.

As an estimate, our Financial professionals that are registered as investment advisor representatives spend approximately 50% of their time on insurance sales and services and 50% of their time on investment advisory services in the future.

You may therefore work with your Financial professional in both their capacity as an investment adviser representative of CA, as well as in their capacity as an insurance agent through our affiliate CA Financial, LLC. As such, your CA Financial professional, in their dual capacity as an IAR and insurance agent, may advise you to purchase insurance products (general disability insurance, life insurance, annuities, and other insurance products to you), and then assist you in implementing the recommendations by selling you those same products through our affiliated insurance agency. For the reasons described below, this creates a variety of conflicts of interest that you should be aware of.

- **Commissions:** Although CA and its investment adviser representatives owe you a fiduciary duty, it should be noted that the receipt of a commission provides a variety of incentives for our affiliate and our shared Financial professionals to recommend these products. For example, your Financial professional will earn a larger commission the more assets are invested in an annuity, therefore they are economically incentivized to recommend that you purchased an annuity over placing those assets in a brokerage or advisory account, which may provide lower total compensation. Our Financial professional could also be incentivized to recommend a product that pays a commission now, versus an advisory product that pays fees over a longer period of time. As an example, all other variables held equal, a 5% commission paid by an insurance company upon sale of a \$100,000 annuity product, may be more attractive to a Financial professional than a one percent (1%) advisory fee charged on a \$100,000 account paid over a period of five (5) years, despite the overall pre-tax compensation paid to the Financial professional being equal. Note that some products pay a higher street or bonus commission than others, increasing this incentive and creating an economic incentive to favor higher fee-paying products.
- **Additional Compensation:** CA Financial, LLC, its affiliates, and our shared Financial professionals also receive additional compensation or incentives in the form of bonus commissions, gifts, meals or entertainment, reimbursement for training, marketing, education, advertising, or travel expenses associated with sponsored conferences or events. The exact compensation cannot be accurately calculated at the time of recommendation because they rely on sales goals, but you should be aware that there are a variety of forms of indirect compensation paid by carriers and insurance marketing organizations, and this compensation creates a conflict of interest.
- In addition, each of the individual insurance carriers that our Financial professionals work with may also separately provide incentive-based bonuses or awards in exchange for sales-related production over specific periods of time, which is a conflict of interest. They may also provide indirect compensation by providing marketing assistance, business development tools, technology, back office/operations support, business succession planning, business conferences, and incentive trips. These incentive programs do not directly affect fees paid by the client. Although some of these services can benefit a client, other services obtained by our IARs such as marketing assistance, business development, and incentive trips, will not benefit an existing client and is a conflict of interest.
- At times, our Financial professionals receive expense reimbursement for travel and/or marketing expenses from distributors of investment and/or insurance products. Travel expense reimbursements are a result of attendance at due diligence and/or investment training events hosted by product sponsors. Marketing expense reimbursements are the result of informal expense sharing arrangements in which product sponsors will underwrite costs incurred for marketing, such as client appreciation events, advertising, publishing, and seminar expenses. Although receipt of these travel and marketing expense reimbursements are not predicated upon specific sales quotas, the product sponsor reimbursements are made by those sponsors for which sales have been made or for which it is anticipated sales will be made. This creates a conflict of interest in that there is an incentive to recommend certain products and investments

based on the receipt of this compensation instead of what is in the best interest of clients.

- **Exchanges & Replacement Recommendations:** Your Financial professional may recommend that you exchange or replace an existing annuity with a new annuity if they believe it is appropriate. You should be aware that the firm and Financial professional receive additional commission when an exchange or replacement is made, in the form of commissions and bonuses, and other additional compensation described above. You may also incur a surrender charge on the old annuity. The new purchase be also subject to the commencement of a new surrender period, lose existing benefits, such as accumulated value, death, living or other contractual benefits, or be subject to increased fees, or additional charges for riders and similar product enhancements.
- **Other Issues:** There are other conflicts present as well. CA and its insurance agency CA Financial, LLC utilize the services of a third-party insurance marketing organization (“IMO”) to select the appropriate product for our clients. The purpose of the IMO is to assist us in finding the insurance product that best fits the client’s situation, although the IMO and insurance carrier may also offer special bonus or incentive compensation to our firm and our investment adviser representatives when they act in their separate capacities as insurance agents when they meet certain overall sales goals by placing annuities and/or other insurance products through the IMO. This creates a conflict of interest for the firm and our Financial professionals in utilizing the products recommended by the IMO.
- The IMO is also a related company of AE Wealth Management. The IMO provides affiliate members such as our firm, CA, with marketing assistance and business development tools to acquire new clients, technology with the goal of improving the client experience and our firm’s efficiency, back office and operations support to assist in the processing of our insurance (through the IMO) and investment advisory services (through AE Wealth Management) for clients, and business succession planning for our firm. Although some of these services may directly benefit a client, other services obtained by us from Advisors Excel such as marketing assistance and business development may not benefit an existing client. There is a conflict of interest when we use the sub-adviser and Financial planning services of AE Wealth Management because we are influenced to use AE Wealth Management based upon our relationship and services provided and support of the IMO.

The sale of commission-based products is supervised by the firm’s Chief Operating Officer, and the firm makes periodic reviews of its insurance recommendations to ensure that our Financial professionals act in accordance with our fiduciary duty. If you have any questions or concerns about annuity recommendations made during the Financial planning process, we encourage you to immediately bring them to the attention of the Chief Operating Officer or the CCO. Finally, you should be aware that there are other insurance products that are offered by other insurance agents other than those recommended by our Financial professionals. You are under no obligation to implement any insurance or annuity transaction through our affiliate CA Financial, LLC.

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

Michael Duane Reese is the owner of Michael D. Reese Consulting, LLC, a consulting firm that helps independent Financial advisors better serve their clients.

Michael Duane Reese is the owner of Reese Wealth Group, LLC, a holding company of Centennial Advisors, LLC, CA Financial, LLC, and Michael D. Reese Consulting, LLC.

### **D. Selection of Other Advisers or Managers and How This Adviser is Compensated for Those Selections**

CA may direct clients to third-party investment advisers to manage all or a portion of the client’s assets. Clients will pay CA its standard fee in addition to the standard fee for the advisers to which it directs those clients. This relationship will be memorialized in each contract between CA and each third-party advisor. The fees will not exceed any limit imposed by any regulatory agency. CA will always act in the best interests of the client, including when determining which third-party investment adviser to recommend to clients. CA will ensure that all recommended advisers are licensed or notice filed in the states in which CA is recommending them to clients.

## ITEM 11: CODE OF ETHICS, PARTICIPATION OR INTEREST IN CLIENT TRANSACTIONS AND PERSONAL TRADING

### A. Code of Ethics

CA has a written Code of Ethics that covers the following areas: Prohibited Purchases and Sales, Insider Trading, Personal Securities Transactions, Exempted Transactions, Prohibited Activities, Conflicts of Interest, Gifts and Entertainment, Confidentiality, Service on a Board of Directors, Compliance Procedures, Compliance with Laws and Regulations, Procedures and Reporting, Certification of Compliance, Reporting violations, Compliance Officer Duties, Training and Education, Record keeping, Annual Review, and Sanctions. CA's Code of Ethics is available free upon request to any client or prospective client.

### B. Recommendations Involving Material Financial Interests

CA does not recommend that clients buy or sell any security in which a related person to CA or CA has a material Financial interest.

### C. Investing Personal Money in the Same Securities as Clients

From time to time, representatives of CA may buy or sell securities for themselves that they also recommend to clients. This may provide an opportunity for representatives of CA to buy or sell the same securities before or after recommending the same securities to clients resulting in representatives profiting off the recommendations they provide to clients. Such transactions may create a conflict of interest. CA will always document any transactions that could be construed as conflicts of interest and will never engage in trading that operates to the client's disadvantage when similar securities are being bought or sold.

### D. Trading Securities At/Around the Same Time as Clients' Securities

From time to time, representatives of CA may buy or sell securities for themselves at or around the same time as clients. This may provide an opportunity for representatives of CA to buy or sell securities before or after recommending securities to clients resulting in representatives profiting off the recommendations they provide to clients. Such transactions may create a conflict of interest; however, CA will never engage in trading that operates to the client's disadvantage if representatives of CA buy or sell securities at or around the same time as clients.

## ITEM 12: BROKERAGE PRACTICES

### A. Factors Used to Select Custodians and/or Broker/Dealers

Custodians/broker-dealers will be recommended based on CA's duty to seek "best execution," which is the obligation to seek execution of securities transactions for a client on the most favorable terms for the client under the circumstances. Clients will not necessarily pay the lowest commission or commission equivalent, and CA may also consider the market expertise and research access provided by the broker-dealer/custodian, including but not limited to access to written research, oral communication with analysts, admittance to research conferences and other resources provided by the brokers that may aid in CA's research efforts. CA will never charge a premium or commission on transactions beyond the actual cost imposed by the broker-dealer/custodian.

CA will require clients to use Fidelity Member FINRA/SIPC, Millennium Trust Company, and Charles Schwab Institutional, a division of Charles Schwab, Inc. Member FINRA/SIPC ("Charles Schwab"). Charles Schwab is an independent and unaffiliated SEC-registered broker-dealer.

#### 1. Research and Other Soft-Dollar Benefits

While CA has no formal soft dollar program in which soft dollars are used to pay for third party services, CA may receive research, products, or other services from custodians and broker-dealers in connection with client securities transactions ("soft dollar benefits"). CA may enter into soft-dollar arrangements consistent with (and not outside of) the safe harbor contained in Section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. There can be no assurance that any particular client will benefit from soft dollar research, whether or not the client's transactions paid for it, and CA does not seek to allocate benefits to client

accounts proportionate to any soft dollar credits generated by the accounts. CA benefits by not having to produce or pay for the research, products or services, and CA will have an incentive to recommend a broker-dealer based on receiving research or services. Clients should be aware that CA's acceptance of soft dollar benefits may result in higher commissions charged to the client.

## **2. Brokerage for Client Referrals**

CA receives no referrals from a broker-dealer or third party in exchange for using that broker-dealer or third party.

## **3. Clients Directing Which Broker/Dealer/Custodian to Use**

CA will require clients to use a specific broker-dealer to execute transactions. Not all advisers require clients to use a particular broker-dealer.

## **B. Aggregating (Block) Trading for Multiple Client Accounts**

CA utilizes AE Wealth Management to process trades for client accounts. AE Wealth Management attempts to block trades for CA client accounts as much as possible. In the event that trades cannot be blocked, individual trades may be placed in client accounts. This may result in less favorable prices, particularly for illiquid securities or during volatile market conditions.

# **ITEM 13: REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS**

## **A. Frequency and Nature of Periodic Reviews and Who Makes Those Reviews**

All client accounts for CA's advisory services provided on an ongoing basis are reviewed at least annually by the advisor, with regard to clients' respective investment policies and risk tolerance levels.

Financial planning clients are provided a one-time Financial plan concerning their Financial situation. After the presentation of the plan, there are no further reports. Clients may request additional plans or reports for a fee. For subscription based financial planning, accounts are reviewed at least annually by the advisor.

## **B. Factors That Will Trigger a Non-Periodic Review of Client Accounts**

Reviews may be triggered by material market, economic or political events, or by changes in client's Financial situations (such as retirement, termination of employment, physical move, or inheritance).

## **C. Content and Frequency of Regular Reports Provided to Clients**

Each client of CA's advisory services provided on an ongoing basis will receive a monthly report detailing the client's account, including assets held, asset value, and calculation of fees. This written report will come from the custodian.

Each Financial planning client will receive the Financial plan upon completion.

# **ITEM 14: CLIENT REFERRALS AND OTHER COMPENSATION**

## **A. Economic Benefits Provided by Third Parties**

### ***Fidelity***

CA has an arrangement with National Financial Services LLC, and Fidelity Brokerage Services LLC (together with all affiliates, "Fidelity") through which Fidelity provides CA with Fidelity's "platform" services. The platform services include, among others, brokerage, custodial, administrative support, record keeping and related services that are intended to support intermediaries like CA in conducting business and in serving the best interests of their clients but that may benefit CA.

Fidelity charges brokerage commissions and transaction fees for effecting certain securities transactions (i.e., transactions fees are charged for certain no-load mutual funds, commissions are charged for individual equity and debt securities transactions). Fidelity enables CA to obtain many no-load mutual funds without transaction charges and other no-load funds at nominal transaction charges. Fidelity's commission rates are generally considered discounted from customary retail commission rates. However, the commissions and transaction fees charged by Fidelity may be higher or lower than those charged by other custodians and broker-dealers.

As part of the arrangement, Fidelity also makes available to CA, at no additional charge to CA, certain research, and brokerage services, including research services obtained by Fidelity directly from independent research companies, as selected by CA (within specified parameters).

As a result of receiving such services for no additional cost, CA may have an incentive to continue to use or expand the use of Fidelity's services. CA examined this potential conflict of interest when it chose to enter into the relationship with Fidelity and has determined that the relationship is in the best interests of CA's clients and satisfies its client obligations, including its duty to seek best execution. A client may pay a commission that is higher than another qualified broker-dealer might charge to effect the same transaction where the CA determines in good faith that the commission is reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage and research services received. In seeking best execution, the determinative factor is not the lowest possible cost, but two whether the transaction represents the best qualitative execution, taking into consideration the full range of a broker-dealer's services, including the value of research provided, execution capability, commission rates, and responsiveness. Accordingly, although CA will seek competitive rates, to the benefit of all clients, it may not necessarily obtain the lowest possible commission rates for specific client account transactions. Although the investment research products and services that may be obtained by CA will generally be used to service all of CA's clients, a brokerage commission paid by a specific client may be used to pay for research that is not used in managing that specific client's account. CA and Fidelity are not affiliates, and no broker-dealer affiliated with CA is involved in the relationship between CA and Fidelity.

#### **B. Compensation to Non - Advisory Personnel for Client Referrals**

CA does not directly or indirectly compensate any person who is not advisory personnel for client referrals.

### **ITEM 15: CUSTODY**

When advisory fees are deducted directly from client accounts at client's custodian, CA will be deemed to have limited custody of client's assets and must have written authorization from the client to do so. Clients will receive all account statements and billing invoices that are required in each jurisdiction, and they should carefully review those statements for accuracy.

### **ITEM 16: INVESTMENT DISCRETION**

CA provides discretionary and non-discretionary investment advisory services to clients. The advisory contract established with each client sets forth the discretionary authority for trading. Where investment discretion has been granted, CA generally manages the client's account and makes investment decisions without consultation with the client as to when the securities are to be bought or sold for the account, the total amount of the securities to be bought/sold, what securities to buy or sell, or the price per share. In some instances, CA's discretionary authority in making these determinations may be limited by conditions imposed by a client (in investment guidelines or objectives, or client instructions otherwise provided to CA).

### **ITEM 17: VOTING CLIENT SECURITIES (PROXY VOTING)**

CA will not ask for, nor accept voting authority for client securities. Clients will receive proxies directly from the issuer of the security or the custodian. Clients should direct all proxy questions to the issuer of the security.

## ITEM 18: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### A. Balance Sheet

CA neither requires nor solicits prepayment of more than \$500 in fees per client, six months or more in advance, and therefore is not required to include a balance sheet with this brochure.

### B. Financial Conditions Reasonably Likely to Impair Ability to Meet Contractual Commitments to Clients

Neither CA nor its management has any Financial condition that is likely to reasonably impair CA's ability to meet contractual commitments to clients.

### C. Bankruptcy Petitions in Previous Ten Years

CA has not been the subject of a bankruptcy petition in the last ten years.