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This Brochure provides information about the qualifications and business practices of Mark Sharp Retirement, LLC (“Mark Sharp Retirement”). If you have any questions about the contents of this Brochure, please contact us at (800) 622-1045 or by email to info@marksharpretirement.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.

Mark Sharp Retirement is a registered investment advisor in the state of Oregon. Registration of an Investment Advisor does not imply any level of skill or training. The oral and written communications of an Advisor provide you with information about which you determine to hire or retain an Advisor.

Additional information about Mark Sharp Retirement also is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

Item 2 - Material Changes

Material Changes since the Last Update

Since the last annual filing of our brochure on April 15, 2018, the following material changes have been made:

- Firm name has been changed from Financial Planning Done Right, LLC to Mark Sharp Retirement, LLC.

Future Changes

In the future, this Item will discuss only specific material changes that are made to the Brochure and provide clients with a summary of such changes. I will also reference the date of my last annual update of my brochure.

Past Changes

In the past I have offered or delivered information about my qualifications and business practices to clients on at least an annual basis. Pursuant to new SEC Rules, I will ensure that you receive a summary of any materials changes to this and subsequent Brochures within 120 days of the close of my business' fiscal year. I may further provide other ongoing disclosure information about material changes as necessary.

Full Brochure Available

I will further provide you with a new Brochure as necessary based on changes or new information, at any time, without charge. My Brochure may be requested by contacting me at (800) 622-1045 or via e-mail to info@marksharpretirement.com.

Additional information about Mark Sharp Retirement is also available via the SEC's web site www.adviserinfo.sec.gov. The SEC's web site also provides information about any persons affiliated with Mark Sharp Retirement who are registered, or are required to be registered, as investment adviser representatives of Mark Sharp Retirement.

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Important Information: Throughout this brochure, Mark Sharp Retirement, LLC shall be referred to by the following terms: “Mark Sharp Retirement”, the “firm”, “we”, “us”, or “our.” The client(s) or prospective client(s) shall be referred to as: “you”, “your”, etc.

Item 4 – Advisory Business

Firm Description

Mark Sharp Retirement was established in 2017. Mr. Mark Sharp, CFP® EA is the firm’s sole owner and operator. Mark Sharp Retirement is a fee-only holistic financial planning firm that specializes in providing personalized, confidential financial planning, tax preparation and investment management to individuals. Mark Sharp Retirement serves as a trusted guide providing clients means to identify their personal financial objectives; find solutions to their financial problem areas; design and simplify their cash flow, perform tax preparation and planning, advising on financial risk and investment allocations, retirement readiness & income planning, insurance and estate planning. All services are tailored to the client’s unique objectives. Mark Sharp Retirement does not sell insurance or investment products, nor does it accept commissions as a result of any product recommendations. Mark Sharp Retirement does not pay or accept referral or finder’s fees from any party.

Description of Advisory Services Offered

Mark Sharp Retirement is an advisory firm only. We offer Fee-Only, annual retainer, fixed (project-based), and hourly, as-needed financial planning, investment advice, and portfolio management services to individuals from all walks of life. We require no income or asset minimums.

Advisory services may be general or broad based in nature or more narrowly focused on a particular area of interest or need, depending on the client's unique circumstances and desires. Needed services may be addressed as one project or an annual retainer over contingent on the agreement of the client and advisor.

Our activities involving providing financial advice may include, but is not limited to:

- Retirement savings planning
- Retirement income planning
- Investment strategy
- Asset allocation
- Investment selection
- Risk tolerance
- Regular portfolio monitoring

- Recommendation of third-party money managers
- Tax preparation
- Tax planning
- Insurance planning
- Estate planning

Our underlying philosophy is to use long-term financial planning and investment strategies. Where appropriate, we will assist you in preparing an investment policy statement, or similar document, reflecting your investment objectives, time horizon, tolerance and appetite for risk, as well as any account constraints you may have for the portfolio. Your investment policy statement will be designed to be specific enough to provide future guidance while allowing flexibility to work with changing market conditions. Since the investment policy will be a product of information and data you have provided, you will be responsible for reviewing and providing final approval of the document/plan.

Our process, utilized in working with our clients, is as follows:

First, we gather information about your situation via confidential questionnaires. Then, we have an initial meeting to discuss your financial needs and goals. If at the end of this meeting, we agree on the extent and content of your financial plan.

You are provided a service agreement that clearly identifies the areas we will cover in your plan.

A signed service agreement is required prior to any work being done for you. In many cases, an initial fee is required also. The initial fee will be an amount up to \$1500.00, depending on the scope and range of the fee quoted.

We will likely need to ask for additional documentation and detailed information about your specific situation. Once you return the additional documentation and/or detailed information, we will then analyze your current financial situation and generate scenarios as needed for your Plan. We may do this analysis in a meeting with you or separately, outside of meetings, depending on your situation.

Depending on your situation and needs, one or more meetings may be necessary in order to present your Plan. Meetings may be held face-to-face or virtually utilizing technology of phone and/or the internet.

We write and present a Plan containing observations, assumptions and recommendations. If needed, we will help you set up and implement the Plan. However, we limit this help to explaining how to open accounts, how to use on-line access to your banks, brokerage firms and mutual funds, and other similar assistance. You remain in custody and control of all your investments and accounts at all times. We never have control or custody of your assets.

In order to provide our services, we depend on access to important information provided by the client. Therefore, it is necessary you provide us with necessary information and supporting documentation throughout the term of the engagement, including but not limited to source of funds, income levels, past tax returns, goals, and other substantive information. This helps us determine the appropriateness of our financial planning or investment strategy for you.

It is also very important you keep us informed on significant changes that may call for an update to your financial and investment plans. Events such as job changes, planned retirement, a windfall, marriage or divorce, birth of a child, home sale or purchase can have a large impact on your financial planning needs. We need to be aware of such events, so we can make any adjustments necessary to your plan or advice in order to keep you on track towards your goals.

Following our review of your situation, and if appropriate for your preferences and investment strategy, we may recommend an institutional-level third-party investment manager (also a registered investment advisor) to implement their strategy for some or your entire portfolio.

Prior to recommending a third-party investment manager, our firm will conduct what we believe to be an appropriate level of due diligence to include ensuring the firm is appropriately registered or notice-filed within your jurisdiction, if required. At least annually thereafter, a due diligence review will be performed from both a compliance and performance perspective to determine the selected third-party manager remains an appropriate fit. Our firm's investment committee will review each third-party investment manager's performance over an extended period of time and on a continuing basis, as well as at least quarterly to discuss any potential concerns or recommended changes of program third-party managers.

Under this type of engagement, we will gather information from you about your financial situation, investment objectives, reasonable restrictions you may want to impose on the management of the account, and we will then provide this data to the third-party investment manager to develop the portfolio. Third-party managers will invest on behalf of a client account in accordance with the strategies set forth in their own requisite documents which will be provided to you by our firm prior to your portfolio employing their strategies. Please keep in mind that third-party investment managers typically assume discretionary authority over an account (the authority to determine the securities to be purchased and sold for the client's

accounts it manages), and some of these programs may not be available for those clients who prefer an account to be managed under a non-discretionary engagement. Also note ~~that~~ our firm will not manage or obtain discretionary authority over those accounts participating in a third-party manager program.

You, the client, always have full discretion over all implementation decisions and are free to accept or reject any recommendation we make.

With regard to annual retainer clients, it's an open-retainer agreement where in addition to meetings throughout the year we fully encourage clients to engage us as needed over the duration of the annual retainer. Annual retainer clients engaging us for portfolio management services will receive quarterly contact.

With regard to hourly clients, you may re-engage us as needed. Periodic financial reviews are recommended, as determined by the advisor and client, based upon client needs. We highly recommend you review your financial state on an annual basis or anytime there is a significant change in your life. It is the client responsibility to initiate these reviews. We may, however, on an annual basis or more frequently, send reminders of the need to update your Plan, or we may schedule a next appointment with you at the completion of a project.

Meeting Sequence - Annual Retainer

During the **Initial Year**, there are a number of seven meetings covering from five to ten client-relevant topics (see list below). Usually each topic is covered in a separate meeting. Meetings are held virtually (teleconference) over secure computer link and/or telephone lines. Implementation services are provided when requested.

Tax Preparation	Tax Planning
Retirement Readiness & Income Planning	Portfolio Analysis
Estate Planning	Asset Allocation Strategy Planning
Insurance Planning	Investment Recommendation & Selection
Employee Benefit Analysis	Risk Planning

In **Renewal Years**, there are typically 3 appointment topics and will depend on what is appropriate for the client:

Tax preparation
Tax planning
Investment review/update

Meeting Sequence Project Agreement

Limited to an initial discovery and solution presentation meetings.

Meeting Sequence Hourly Agreement

Limited to an initial discovery and solution presentation meetings.

Item 5 – Fees and Compensation

Fee Billing

Before any services are provided, we will discuss with you the scope of the work to be done. Whether you need a brief in-person check-in to discuss a few issues of concern, or an ongoing relationship, I will give you an estimate of the hours you can expect the desired services to take to complete (and any additional fees associated with third-party service providers) and you can decide whether or not to proceed. You only pay fees for agreed upon work.

Full Retainer

The specific manner in which fees are charged by Mark Sharp Retirement is established under a written full retainer agreement with fees predicated on the needs of the client and fixed for one year. Compensation is payable upon execution of the retainer agreement. The first month of the annual Full Retainer fee is due upon initial execution of the service agreement and monthly thereafter. Any balance of fee charges is for the purpose of providing the client with comprehensive financial planning services. Mark Sharp Retirement will not directly debit fees from any client's investment account.

Project-Based

Mark Sharp Retirement offers our Retirement Readiness & Income Planning service at a flat fee of \$2,999. One half of the fee is paid upon execution of this agreement. The remainder of the fee is due upon completion of services.

Asset-Based

Annualized asset-based fees for portfolio management services will be billed quarterly, in arrears. An account's first billing cycle will occur once the agreement is executed; a partial period will be assessed a pro-rated fee starting on the agreement's execution date. Fee payments will generally be assessed within 10 business days following each billing cycle.

Hourly

Fees for financial planning and investment advice services are determined by our hourly fee of (\$250) per hour multiplied by the estimated time to complete the services. At our discretion, and with client approval, we may also charge fixed fees that are based on our hourly rate multiplied by the approximate number of hours that are anticipated to provide the requested service. Compensation is payable to the lesser of \$500 or one-half of the *Total Analysis* fee upon signing of this Agreement.

Past-Due Accounts and Termination of Agreement

Mark Sharp Retirement is a fee-only financial advisory firm and does not sell investment or insurance products. All fees are non-negotiable and are paid as described above, directly by the client. Either the client or Mark Sharp Retirement may terminate an engagement at any time, without penalty, upon written notice. Upon termination of any agreement, any prepaid, unearned fees will be promptly refunded, and any earned, unpaid fees will be due and payable.

Fixed (Retainer and Project-Based)

Mark Sharp Retirement reserves the right to stop work on any account more than 30 days overdue. In addition, Mark Sharp Retirement reserves the right to terminate any financial planning engagement where a client has willfully concealed or has refused to provide pertinent information about financial situations when necessary and appropriate to provide proper financial and tax advice. For those clients to whom we provide portfolio management services, our firm will not be responsible for future allocations, transactional services or investment advice upon receipt of a termination notice. Further, upon termination, we will inform the account custodian the account relationship between the firm and the client has been terminated.

Hourly

Mark Sharp Retirement reserves the right to stop work on any account that is more than 30 days overdue. In addition, Mark Sharp Retirement reserves the right to terminate any financial planning engagement where a client has willfully concealed or

has refused to provide pertinent information about financial situations when necessary and appropriate to provide proper financial and tax advice.

Fees

Full Retainer Fees:

Initial Year of Agreement: \$3,600

Renewal Years of Agreement: \$3,600

Project-Based Fees:

Retirement Readiness & Income Planning: \$2,999

Hourly: Fee is \$250 an hour

Asset-Based Fees

Your Fees for our portfolio management engagements will be assessed an annualized asset-based fee that will be calculated based on the reporting period ending value as noted in the following table and do not include fees paid to any third-party investment manager that may be engaged to manage your portfolio. Fees will be billed quarterly, in arrears, and will be determined by the complexity of the portfolio strategy and investment vehicles selected. Any transactional or custodial fees assessed by your selected service providers, individual retirement account fees or qualified retirement plan account termination fees will be borne by you and are as provided in the current, separate fee schedule of the selected service provider. This includes third-party investment managers.

Fees paid to our firm by our clients for our advisory services are separate from any transactional charges you may pay to third-party service providers such as brokers, as well as those for mutual funds, exchange-traded funds (ETFs), exchange-traded notes (ETNs), or other investments of this type.

Item 6 – Performance-Based Fees and Side-By-Side Management

Mark Sharp Retirement does not charge any performance-based fees (fees based on a share of capital gains or capital appreciation of the assets of a client).

Item 7 – Types of Clients

Mark Sharp Retirement provides financial planning services primarily to middle-income individuals. As such, we do not require minimums as to income, assets, net worth, length of engagement, revenues generated or other conditions for engaging our services. We will inform you in advance of any account minimums or other restrictions of any third-party investment manager you may wish to engage.

Your chosen relationship agreement and fee will be based on the set fees for both full retainer and hourly service options.

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

Methods of Analysis

In determining investment recommendations, Mark Sharp Retirement will utilize public information obtained from Vanguard Group research services and/or Morningstar, financial subscription magazines, fund performance reporting software as well as other public research. Moreover, Mark Sharp Retirement approaches investment portfolio analysis and implementation based on internal factors such as your tax situation, overall risk tolerance, current financial situation, and your personal goals and aspirations. After identifying these items, your portfolio will be structured around your individual needs, while attempting to minimize negative effects of external factors, such as interest rates, market performance, and the economy as a whole.

Investment Strategies

Academic research suggests asset class selection is the prime determinant of overall investment performance. Mark Sharp Retirement therefore pursues an asset class-based investment strategy with exposure to high quality US and foreign stocks and bonds in companies of various sizes. We maximize diversification by “owning the market” via no-load funds and pursue a “passive” investment strategy that avoids making any market timing or individual stock bets. Owning no-load passive mutual funds and ETFs also minimizes costs and maximizes tax efficiency given their low turnover. In order to further increase tax efficiency, we hold taxable bonds whenever possible in tax deferred accounts.

Mark Sharp Retirement strongly believes in the efficiency of the market and it is not possible to consistently outperform over time by trying to time the market or attempting to pick individual winning securities, an approach known as “active management.” While it may be true pricing inefficiencies exist at any given moment, these are at best fleeting and are quickly corrected. Mark Sharp Retirement therefore believes, in spite of these momentary inefficiencies, stock prices are always fairly set given all available information is quickly reflected in a given stock’s market value. The fact this price may fluctuate as new information is processed by market

participants has no bearing on whether one can accurately predict a stock's future performance.

Client portfolios will typically be constructed of institutional class, no-load, passively invested mutual funds from the Vanguard Group and/or Dimensional Fund Advisors.

As an advisor, Mark Sharp Retirement believes our efforts are most productively spent trying to control what we can while accepting what the market gives us in return. Our focus therefore is always on minimizing costs, increasing tax efficiency and investing broadly. We believe our role as an advisor is to set an appropriate asset allocation for our clients based on their goals, investment horizon, personal risk tolerance and required rate of return as a function of their key life goals. Implementing this strategy using passively managed investments with the broadest possible exposure to a variety of relatively uncorrelated markets is, we believe, the most prudent strategy and the one that is in keeping with a fiduciary standard. Once that strategy is set, our focus is on helping clients adhere to it regardless of what the market or broader economy may be doing at any given time. Changes in the strategy should only be driven, we believe, by changes in the client's goals and/or situation as opposed to external factors.

Risk of Loss

Investing in securities involves risk of loss that clients should be prepared to bear. The inherent risks associated with any investment recommended by Mark Sharp Retirement will be thoroughly reviewed and discussed in relation to client's goals, needs, and objectives at the forefront. This will help ensure the client fully understands his/her investments and that he/she is properly prepared to bear any associated risks. Our investment approach constantly keeps the risk of loss in mind.

Item 9 – Disciplinary Information

Registered investment advisors are required to disclose all material facts regarding any legal or disciplinary events material to your evaluation of Mark Sharp Retirement or the integrity of Mark Sharp Retirement management. Mark Sharp Retirement has no information applicable to this Item.

Item 10 – Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

Mark Sharp Retirement is a member of the Garrett Planning Network (GPN). A national network of hundreds of hourly-based, Fee-Only financial planners working with a broad range of clients. As a member of Garret Planning Network, Mark Sharp Retirement has the right to use proprietary products and systems designed by GPN. GPN also provides ongoing training in

the form of periodic seminars and annual conferences. The particular expertise of individual GPN members in areas applicable to financial planning is also readily shared among members.

Mark Sharp Retirement is a member of the National Association of Personal Financial Advisors (NAPFA). The National Association of Personal Financial Advisors (NAPFA) is the country's leading professional association of Fee-Only financial advisors—highly trained professionals who are committed to working in the best interests of those they serve.

Mark Sharp Retirement is a member of the National Association of Enrolled Agents (NAEA). NAEA is the organization powering enrolled agents, America's tax experts®. Membership in NAEA is a key building block of success for enrolled agents and tax professionals seeking to provide the highest level of representation for their clients.

Mark Sharp Retirement is a member of Fee-Only Network. The Fee-Only Network is one of the country's leading professional associations of Fee-Only financial advisors—highly trained professionals who are committed to working in the best interests of those they serve.

Item 11 – Code of Ethics

Mark Sharp Retirement seeks to avoid material conflicts of interest. Accordingly, Mark Sharp Retirement does not receive any third-party direct monetary compensation (i.e., commissions, 12b-1 fee, or other fees) from brokerage firms (custodians) or mutual fund companies. Although Mark Sharp Retirement believes its business methodologies, code of ethics, and operating policies are appropriate to eliminate, to the extent possible, potential material conflicts of interest, clients should be aware no set of rules or procedures can fully anticipate or eliminate all potential material conflicts of interest.

Code of Ethics

The employees of Mark Sharp Retirement have committed to a Code of Ethics that is available for review by clients and prospective clients upon request. Incorporated into our code of ethics are the standards set by the Certified Financial Planning Board, the Fiduciary Oath promulgated by NAPFA, and the Fee-Only Network to Clients which forms the foundation of Mark Sharp Retirement ethics.

In concise terms, Mark Sharp Retirement members shall always:

- Act as a **fiduciary**, act in the best interest of each and every client
- Act with integrity and dignity when dealing with clients, prospects, & others
- Strive to maintain and continually enhance our high degree of professional education regarding all aspects of personal financial planning; and

- Seek at all times to preserve our firm's independence and to maintain our complete objectivity with respect to our planning services and each recommendation made to our clients.

Participation or Interest in Client Transactions and Personal Trading

Employees of Mark Sharp Retirement may personally buy securities recommended to clients. There is no conflict of interest as these investments are widely held, publicly traded, open-end mutual fund securities.

Mark Sharp Retirement clients or prospective clients may request a copy of the firm's Code of Ethics by contacting Mark Sharp, principal.

It is Mark Sharp Retirement policy the firm will not affect any principal or agency cross securities transactions for client accounts. Mark Sharp Retirement will also not cross trades between client accounts. Principal transactions are generally defined as transactions where an advisor, acting as a principal for its own account or the account of an affiliated broker-dealer, buys from or sells any security to any advisory client. A principal transaction may also be deemed to have occurred if a security is crossed between an affiliated hedge fund and another client account. An agency cross transaction is defined as a transaction where a person acts as an investment advisor in relation to a transaction in which the investment advisor, or any person controlled by or under common control with the investment advisor, acts as a broker for both the advisory client and for another person on the other side of the transaction. Agency cross transactions may arise where an advisor is dually registered as a broker-dealer or has an affiliated broker-dealer.

Item 12 – Brokerage Practices

Selecting Brokerage Firms

Mark Sharp Retirement does not have affiliations with product sales firms. Specific custodian recommendations are made to clients based on their need for such services. Mark Sharp Retirement recommends custodians based on the proven integrity and financial responsibility of the firm and the best execution of orders at reasonable commission rates, but never requires its clients utilize any given custodian/broker-dealer. Mark Sharp Retirement does NOT receive fees or commissions from any-such source.

Should a client inquire, our recommendation of service provider would be based on client goals, needs, overall cost, and ease of use unless the client has engaged our firm to provide portfolio management services. In that case, we recommend Asset Dedication for clients to utilize as a third-party manager. Asset Dedication requires client assets to be held at Fidelity or

Charles Schwab. Our firm is independently owned and operated and is not affiliated with Asset Dedication or Fidelity Charles Schwab. If you do decide to act on this recommendation, you will sign an account agreement directly with the third-party investment manager and securities will be bought and sold at the selected third-party investment manager's discretion.

Best Execution

Mark Sharp Retirement does not execute trades on client's behalf. Clients are responsible for executing their own trades with their preferred brokerage firm or a brokerage firm recommended by Mark Sharp Retirement. In either case, clients are urged to perform any necessary due diligence with the selected brokerage firm to understand the firm's best execution policy before making any trades.

Soft Dollars

Mark Sharp Retirement does not receive any soft dollar contributions from recommended brokerage firms.

Order Aggregation

Mark Sharp Retirement does not execute trades on client's behalf. Clients are responsible for executing their own trades with their preferred brokerage firm or a brokerage firm recommended by Mark Sharp Retirement. In either case, clients are urged to perform any necessary due diligence with the selected brokerage firm to understand the firm's order aggregation policy before making any trades.

Item 13 – Review of Accounts

Periodic Reviews and Triggers

Account reviews are typically performed annually, at the request of the client, by Mark Sharp Retirement in conjunction with the relevant client meeting. Account reviews may be performed more frequently when client situations dictate.

Portfolio Management accounts are reviewed on at least a quarterly basis. Additional reviews may be triggered by news or research related to a specific holding, a change in our view of the investment merits of a designated third-party investment manager, or news related to the macroeconomic climate affecting a sector or holding within that sector.

For accounts served by a recommended third-party investment manager, we will communicate to your third-party investment manager as warranted and assist you in understanding and evaluating the reports provided by the third-party manager.

Regular Reports

Mark Sharp Retirement makes written recommendations at the conclusion of an appointment summarizing the topic discussed, recommendations presented and outcome where appropriate. If you, as a client, have any brokerage accounts you will receive monthly or quarterly statements from your custodians, either in paper or electronic form pertaining to your account(s). You may also receive quarterly portfolio or performance reports directly from your selected third-party investment manager.

Item 14 – Client Referrals and Other Compensation

Mark Sharp Retirement is a fee-only financial planning firm and does not sell insurance or investment products, nor does it accept commissions as a result of any product recommendations. Mark Sharp Retirement does not pay referral or finder's fees, nor does it accept such fees from other firms.

Item 15 – Custody

Mark Sharp Retirement does not take custody of client assets. Clients should receive at least quarterly statements from the broker dealer, bank or other qualified custodian that holds and maintains your investment assets. Mark Sharp Retirement urges clients to carefully review such statements.

Item 16 – Investment Discretion

We provide our various forms of investment advisory services (as described in Item 4) under *non-discretionary* account authority. Advisor does not execute trades in client's accounts on either a discretionary or non-discretionary basis. Should you choose to engage a third-party investment manager, that firm will typically assume *discretionary* authority over your account. The third-party investment manager will determine the securities to be purchased or sold for your account. In a *non-discretionary* engagement, your prior approval must be made for each transaction with regard to the investment and reinvestment of account assets or for the firm to give instructions to the service provider maintaining your account. The service provider will specifically limit the firm's authority in the account to the placement of trade orders. In light of the requirement for your pre-approval, you must make yourself available and keep us updated on your contact information so that instructions can be efficiently executed on your behalf

Client is not required to follow any recommendations made by Advisor. Client remains solely responsible for implementing any recommendations made by Advisor.

Item 17 – Voting Client Securities

As a matter of firm policy and practice, Mark Sharp Retirement does not have any authority to and does not vote proxies on behalf of advisory clients. Clients retain the responsibility for receiving and voting proxies for any and all securities maintained in client portfolios.

Item 18 – Financial Information

Mark Sharp Retirement does not require prepayment of fees greater than \$500 per client, six months or more in advance.

Registered investment advisors are required in this Item to provide you with certain financial information or disclosures about Mark Sharp Retirement financial condition. Mark Sharp Retirement has no financial commitment that impairs its ability to meet contractual and fiduciary commitments to clients and has not been the subject of a bankruptcy proceeding.

Item 19 – Requirements for State-Registered Advisors

EDUCATION & BUSINESS BACKGROUND

Principal: Mark Sharp, CFP® EA

Formal Education After High School:

- California State University, Hayward CA, B.S. Computer Science 1987
- UCLA, Los Angeles CA, Personal Financial Planning Certificate 2005

Personal Financial Planning Certificate:

The nationally recognized Personal Financial Planning Certificate provides financial professionals with the tools and techniques for remaining viable in this highly competitive field. The program also prepares professionals in other fields to facilitate career changes and become established in this rapidly expanding profession. The curriculum encompasses the major disciplines of financial planning, with an emphasis on the practical applications of the material covered. This certificate program fulfills the educational component of the CFP® certification, covering the core topics that are the basis for the CFP® Certification Examination.

Certification(s):

CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER Certificant 08/28/2018

The CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER, CFP® and federally registered CFP® (with flame design) marks (collectively, the CFP® marks) are professional certification marks granted in the United States by Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc. (CFP® Board). The CFP® certification is a voluntary certification; no federal or state law or regulation requires financial planners to hold CFP® certification. It is recognized in the United States and a number of other countries for its (1) high standard of professional education; (2) stringent code of conduct and standards of practice; and (3) ethical requirements that govern professional engagements with clients. Currently, more than 68,000 individuals have obtained CFP® certification in the United States.

To attain the right to use the CFP® marks, an individual must satisfactorily fulfill the following requirements:

- Education Complete an advanced college-level course of study addressing the financial planning subject areas that CFP® Boards studies have determined as necessary for the competent and professional delivery of financial planning services, and attain a Bachelor's Degree from a regionally accredited United States college or university (or its equivalent from a foreign university). CFP® Boards financial planning subject areas include insurance planning and risk management, employee benefits planning, investment planning, income tax planning, retirement planning, and estate planning;
- Examination Pass the comprehensive CFP® Certification Examination. The examination, administered in 10 hours over a two-day period, includes case studies and client scenarios designed to test one's ability to correctly diagnose financial planning issues and apply one's knowledge of financial planning to real world circumstances;
- Experience Complete at least three years of full-time financial planning-related experience (or the equivalent, measured as 2,000 hours per year); and
- Ethics Agree to be bound by CFP® Board Standards of Professional Conduct, a set of documents outlining the ethical and practice standards for CFP® professionals.

Individuals who become certified must complete the following ongoing service education and ethics requirements in order to maintain the right to continue to use the CFP® marks:

- Continuing Education Complete 30 hours of continuing education hours every two years, including two hours on the Code of Ethics and other parts of the Standards of Professional Conduct, to maintain competence and keep up with developments in the financial planning field; and
- Ethics Renew an agreement to be bound by the Standards of Professional Conduct. The Standards prominently require CFP® professionals provide financial planning services at a fiduciary standard of care. This means CFP® professionals must provide financial planning services in the best interests of their clients.

CFP® professionals who fail to comply with the above standards and requirements may be subject to CFP® Boards enforcement process, which could result in suspension or permanent revocation of their CFP® certification.

IRS Enrolled Agent Certification of Enrollment 2016 (PTIN – P01864035)

An Enrolled Agent (EA) is a federally-authorized tax practitioner who has technical expertise in the field of taxation and who is empowered by the U.S. Department of the Treasury to represent taxpayers before all administrative levels of the Internal Revenue Service for audits, collections, and appeals.

“Enrolled” means to be licensed to practice by the federal government, and “Agent” means authorized to appear in the place of the taxpayer at the IRS. Only Enrolled Agents, attorneys, and CPAs may represent any taxpayer before the IRS.

All candidates are subjected to a rigorous background check conducted by the IRS. In addition to the stringent testing and application process, the IRS requires Enrolled Agents to complete 72 hours of continuing professional education, reported every three years, to maintain the Enrolled Agent status. Because of the knowledge necessary to become an Enrolled Agent and the requirements to maintain the license, there are only about 46,000 practicing Enrolled Agents.

Unlike attorneys and CPAs, who may or may not choose to specialize in taxes, all Enrolled Agents specialize in taxation. Enrolled Agents receive their right to practice from the U.S. government (CPAs and attorneys are licensed by the states). Enrolled Agents are required to abide by the provisions of the Department of Treasury’s Circular 230, which provides the regulations governing the practice of Enrolled Agents before the IRS.

State of Oregon Licensed Tax Consultant (LTC) 2/11/2019

A Tax Consultant license enables a person to lawfully prepare personal income tax returns in the State of Oregon for a fee as a self-employed or independent tax practitioner. As an Enrolled Agent, the advisor became a Licensed Tax Consultant by passing a tax consultant examination on Oregon tax law, Oregon Income Tax Service Law and the Tax Board Code of Professional Conduct with a 75% pass rate or higher. Tax consultants are required to complete 30 hours of continuing education related to tax law and tax preparation per year. To renew their licenses each year, licensees must attest to having completed a minimum of 30 hours of acceptable continuing education during the 13 months prior to each license year.

Business Background for The Previous 5 Years:

Mark Sharp Retirement, 2017 - present
Member, Garrett Planning Network, 2018 - present
Software Developer, Corvel Corporation, 2011-2018

Disciplinary Information: None.

Other Business Activities: Mark Sharp has held individual contributor roles in personal financial planning for numerous companies up through my present employer. There are no material conflicts of interest for the financial planning and advisory services provided as the Principal of Mark Sharp Retirement.

Additional Compensation: Mark Sharp does not receive any reportable compensation for providing advisory services beyond the hourly or retainer-based compensation he receives through his firm. Moreover, he does not receive any commissions, bonuses or other compensation based on the sale of securities or other investment products.

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