

GW Financial, Inc.

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GW Financial, Inc. is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an investment adviser and, as such, we provide advisory services rather than brokerage services. Brokerage and investment advisory services and fees differ and it is important for you, our client, to understand the differences. Additionally, free and simple tools are available to research firms and financial professionals at [Investor.gov/CRS](https://investor.gov/CRS), which also provides educational materials about broker dealers, investment advisers, and investing. This document is a summary of the services and fees we offer to "retail" investors, which are natural persons who seek or receive services primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

What investment services and advice can you provide me?

We offer the following investment advisory services to retail investors: Financial Planning Services, Financial Consulting Services, Selection of Other Advisers, and Investment Management Services. Detailed information regarding our services, fees and other disclosures can be found in our Form ADV Part 2A Items 4, 7, and 8 by clicking this link <https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/brochure/110478>.

Account Monitoring: If you open an investment account with our firm, as part of our standard service we will monitor your investments on a quarterly basis.

Investment Authority : We manage investment accounts on a *discretionary* basis whereby *we will decide* which investments to buy or sell for your account. We also offer *non-discretionary* investment management services whereby we will provide advice, but *you will ultimately decide* which investments to buy and sell for your account. You have an unrestricted right to decline to implement any advice provided by our firm on a non-discretionary basis.

Investment Offerings: We provide advice on various types of investments. Our services are not limited to a specific type of investment or product.

Account Minimums and Requirements: In general, we do not require a minimum dollar amount to open and maintain an advisory account; however, clients with portfolios under \$800,000 may find it more cost effective to use our Personal Financial Planning service and implement the investment advice themselves.

Key Questions to Ask Your Financial Professional

- **Given my financial situation, should I choose an investment advisory service? Why or Why Not?**
- **How will you choose investments to recommend to me?**
- **What is your relevant experience, including your licenses, education and other qualifications?**
- **What do these qualifications mean?**

What fees will I pay?

The following summarizes the principal fees and costs associated with engaging our firm for investment advisory services. For detailed information, refer to our Form ADV Part 2A, Items 5 and 6 by clicking this link <https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/brochure/110478>.

- **Asset Based Fees** - Payable quarterly in advance. Since the fees we receive are asset-based (i.e. based on the value of your account), we have an incentive to increase your account value which creates a conflict of interest;
- **Hourly Fees** - Payable in advance;
- **Fixed Fees** - Payable in advance;
- Clients may also pay additional fees and/or expenses. Examples of the most common fees and costs applicable to our clients are:
 - Custodian fees;
 - Account maintenance fees;
 - Fees related to mutual funds and exchange-traded funds;
 - Transaction charges when purchasing or selling securities; and
 - Other product-level fees associated with your investments

You will pay fees and costs whether you make or lose money on your investments. Fees and costs will reduce any amount of money you make on your investments over time. Please make sure you understand what fees and costs you are paying.

Key Questions to Ask Your Financial Professional

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

What are your legal obligations to me when acting as my investment adviser? How else does your firm make money and what conflicts of interest do you have?

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

- For those accounts that are subject to an asset based advisory fee, we have an incentive to encourage you to increase the assets in your account since the greater your account value, the more you will pay in advisory fees and thus the more we will earn.

Refer to our Form ADV Part 2A by clicking this link <https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/brochure/110478> to help you understand what conflicts exist.

Key Questions to Ask Your Financial Professional

- **How might your conflicts of interest affect me, and how will you address them?**

How do your financial professionals make money?

The financial professionals servicing your account(s) are compensated by receiving a salary or dividends from the business. Financial professionals' compensation is based on the time and complexity required to meet client and firm needs or the service for the company.

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

No, our firm and our financial professionals currently do not have any legal or disciplinary history to disclose. Visit Investor.gov/CRS for a free and simple research tool.

Key Questions to Ask Your Financial Professional

- **As a financial professional, do you have any disciplinary history? For what type of conduct?**

You can find additional information about your investment advisory services and request a copy of the relationship summary at 714-850-0534 or click the link provided <https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/brochure/110478>.

Key Questions to Ask Your Financial Professional

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