

### Introduction

Our firm, Kesler, Norman & Wride, LLC *dba* Ascend Investment Partners, is an investment adviser registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We feel that it is important for you to understand how advisory and brokerage services and fees differ in order to determine which type of account is right for you. There are free and simple tools available to research firms and financial professionals at [www.investor.gov/CRS](http://www.investor.gov/CRS), which also provides educational materials about investment advisers, broker-dealers, and investing.

### What investment services and advice can you provide me?

We are a registered investment adviser that offers investment advisory services to clients. Our advisory services include Wrap Asset Management and Wrap Comprehensive Portfolio Management. If you open an advisory account with our firm, we'll meet with you to understand your current financial situation, existing resources, goals, and risk tolerance. Based on what we learn, we'll recommend a portfolio of investments that is monitored at least annually, and if necessary, rebalanced to meet your changing needs, stated goals and objectives. We'll offer you advice on a regular basis and contact you at least annually to discuss your portfolio.

We manage accounts on a discretionary basis. After you sign an agreement with our firm, we're allowed to buy and sell investments in your account without asking you in advance. Any limitations will be described in the signed advisory agreement. We will have discretion until the advisory agreement is terminated by you or our firm.

We do not restrict our advice to limited types of products or investments. Our firm does not impose requirements for opening and maintaining accounts or otherwise engaging us.

Financial Planning & Consulting is included in our Wrap Comprehensive Portfolio Management service for no additional fee.

*Additional information about our advisory services is in Item 4 of our Firm Brochure and Item 5 of our Wrap Brochure, which are available online at <https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/brochure/307667>.*

### Questions to Ask Us:

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

### What fees will I pay?

You will be charged an ongoing monthly fee based on the value of the investments in your account. Our maximum Wrap Asset Management annual fee is 1.90%. Our maximum Wrap Comprehensive Portfolio Management annual fee is 2.00%. In general, the more assets you have in your advisory accounts the more you will pay us in dollar value. The amount you pay will depend, for example, on the amount of assets in your account, and the services you receive. Often the more assets you have with us, the lower fee percentage you will be charged. The more assets you have in your advisory account, the more you will pay us. We therefore have an incentive to grow the assets in your advisory account in order to increase our total fees, even as the percent fee assessed decreases. Our fees vary and are negotiable. Our firm's fees will be automatically deducted from your advisory account, which will reduce the value of your advisory account. In rare cases, our firm will agree to send you invoices rather than automatically deduct our firm's fees from your advisory account.

The broker-dealer that holds your assets may charge you a transaction fee when we buy or sell an investment for you. We pay the broker-dealer's transaction fees charged to you for our Wrap Asset Management and Wrap Comprehensive Portfolio Management services. The fees for our wrap fee programs are therefore higher than a typical asset-based advisory fee.

You may also pay charges imposed by the broker-dealer holding your accounts for certain investments and maintaining your account. Some investments, such as mutual funds, index funds, exchange traded funds, and variable annuities, charge additional fees that will reduce the value of your investments over time. In addition, you may have to pay fees such as "surrender charges" to sell variable annuities.

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.

*Additional information about our fees is in Item 5 of our Firm Brochure and Item 4 of our Wrap Brochure, which are available online at <https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/brochure/307667>.*

**Questions to Ask Us:**

- Help me understand how these fees and costs may 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:

Our firm's financial professionals include licensed insurance agents who sell insurance products for a commission. They have an incentive to recommend insurance products to you in order to increase their compensation.

For our wrap services, we pay the applicable broker-dealer's transaction fees charged to you (if there is such a fee) for most types of assets except for U.S. listed equities and exchange traded funds. As a result, we have an incentive to recommend these assets without transaction fees in order to reduce the amount of the broker-dealer's transaction fees that we will have to pay on your behalf.

Our firm has business relationships with unaffiliated broker-dealers. Some unaffiliated broker-dealers pay our firm for providing investment consulting services to its brokerage customers.

*Additional information about our conflicts of interest is in Item 10 of our Firm Brochure and Item 9 of our Wrap Brochure, which is available online at <https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/brochure/307667>.*

**Questions to Ask Us:**

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

**How do your financial professionals make money?**

Our financial professionals are compensated based on the revenue our firm earns from their advisory services or recommendations, the amount of client assets they service, and the time and complexity required to meet a client's needs. Additionally, certain unaffiliated broker-dealers pay us to provide investment advisory services to its brokerage customers.

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

Yes, our firm's financial professionals have legal and disciplinary history. Visit [www.investor.gov/CRS](http://www.investor.gov/CRS) for a free and simple search tool to research our firm and our financial professionals.

**Questions to Ask Us:**

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

**Additional Information**

You can find additional information about our firm's investment advisory services on the SEC's website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov) by searching CRD #307667. You may also contact our firm at 801-476-1200 to request a copy of this relationship summary and other up-to-date information.

**Questions to Ask Us:**

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?