

VERITY Wealth Advisors

Client Relationship Summary (Form CRS/ADV Part 3) – June 26, 2020

Item 1: Introduction

VERITY WEALTH ADVISORS, LLC is an investment adviser registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission offering advisory accounts and services. Brokerage and investment advisory services and fees differ, and it is important that you understand the differences. This document gives you a summary of the types of services we offer and the associated fees we charge. Please visit www.investor.gov/CRS for free, simple tools to research firms and for educational materials about broker-dealers, investment advisers, and investing.

Item 2: Relationships and Services

What investment services and advice can you provide me? Our firm offers the following investment advisory services to retail clients: portfolio management (we review your portfolio, investment strategy, and investments); financial planning (we assess your financial situation and provide advice to meet your goals); selection of other advisers (we may select third party advisers for you to use, if warranted). As part of our standard managed services, we monitor client accounts on at least a monthly basis. Our firm offers both discretionary advisory services (where our firm makes the decision regarding the purchase or sale of investments) as well as non-discretionary services (where the retail investor makes the ultimate decision). We limit the types of investments that are recommended since not every type of investment vehicle is needed to create an appropriate portfolio. Our firm does *not* have a minimum account size. Please also see our Form ADV Part 2A ("[Brochure](#)"), specifically Items 4 & 7.

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 these qualifications mean?*

Item 3: Fees, Costs, Conflicts and Standard of Conduct

What fees will I pay? Our fees vary depending upon the services you receive. We currently offer two basic types of fee arrangements:

- **Managed assets:** In engagements wherein we manage assets, fees are typically charged as a percentage of the assets that we manage based upon a scale agreed upon in our engagement agreement. Occasionally, we will enter into engagements wherein we charge a fixed fee instead of one based on the amount of assets managed.
- **Consulting engagements:** Hourly (and fractional hour) fees are charged to consulting engagement clients.

Portfolio management fees are typically charged quarterly in arrears. You pay our fees even if you do not have any transactions and the advisory fee paid to us generally does not vary based on the type of investments selected. Please also see Items 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 of our [Brochure](#).

Some investments (e.g., mutual funds, exchange-traded funds, etc.) impose additional fees (e.g., transactional fees and product-level fees) that reduce the value of your investment over time. The same goes for any additional fees you pay to a custodian. Additionally, you will pay transaction fees, if applicable, when we buy or sell an investment for your account. **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.** See our [Brochure](#) for additional details.

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:

- In engagements where fees are charged as a percentage of assets managed, the more assets you have in your advisory account, the more you will pay us and thus we have an incentive to increase those assets in order to increase our fee.
- Our fixed fee arrangements are based on the amount of work we expect to perform for you, so material changes in that amount of work will affect the advisory fee we quote you.
- In hourly consulting engagements, each additional hour (or portion thereof) we spend working for you will increase the advisory fee we collect.

How do your financial professionals make money? Our financial professionals receive cash compensation from the advisory services we provide to you because of the advisory fees we receive from you. This compensation may vary based on different factors, such as those listed above. Please also see Item 10 of our [Brochure](#) for additional details.

Questions to ask us:

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

Item 4: Disciplinary History

Do you or your financial professionals have legal or disciplinary history? No, we do not have legal and/or disciplinary events. Visit <https://www.investor.gov/> for a free, simple search tool to research us and our financial professionals.

Questions to ask us:

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

Item 5: Additional Information

For additional information on our advisory services, **see our [Brochure](https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/summary/126742) available at <https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/summary/126742> and any individual brochure supplement** your representative provides. If you have any questions, need additional up-to-date information, or want another copy of this Client Relationship Summary, then please contact us at 415-561-3340.

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?*

Exhibit A – Material Changes to Client Relationship Summary

This is the initial version of the Client Relationship Summary. There are no material changes.