EFFICIENT ADVISORS, LLC JUNE 30, 2020

Item 1. Introduction.

Efficient Advisors, LLC is registered with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission as an investment advisor. Brokerage and investment advisory services and fees differ in the marketplace and it is important for you to understand the differences.

Free and simple tools are available to research firms and financial professionals at <u>Investor.gov/CRS</u>, which also provides educational materials about broker-dealers, investment advisers and investing.

Item 2: What investment services and advice can you provide to me?

Efficient Advisors, LLC provides investment advisory services to retail investors through unaffiliated financial planners and financial advisors (collectively referred to as "Advisors"). The principal service we offer is investment management services. In providing investment management services, we may also provide financial planning support to our Advisor network. We provide investment management services through investment models we have designed. The investment models we utilize for you are determined by the investment objectives, goals, risk parameters, financial and other information you have provided to us, as well as your specific direction and that of your Advisor. We monitor the holdings and performance of your account on an ongoing basis and provide you with quarterly reports regarding the holdings of your account. We provide investment management services on a discretionary basis pursuant to authority granted to us in your client agreement. Pursuant to this discretionary authority we are authorized to determine which securities are bought and sold, the total amount to be bought and sold, and the costs at which transactions will be effected. However, there are certain clients for which we provide investment management services on a non-discretionary basis, which means you or your Advisor make the ultimate decision whether to buy or sell an investment. We do not limit the provision of investment management services to proprietary products. In addition, we generally do not limit the types of investments we utilize for clients, but consistently utilize exchange-traded funds, no-load mutual funds, and variable annuity sub accounts. Our account minimum is \$1,000, and we generally impose a minimum annual fee of \$60.00 per investment account. Regardless, we reserve the right to accept or decline a potential client for any reason in our sole discretion.

For additional information, please refer to our <u>Form ADV Part 2A Brochure</u>, especially <u>Item 4 Advisory Business</u>, <u>Item 7 Types of Clients</u>, <u>Item 13 Review of Accounts</u>, and <u>Item 16 Investment Discretion</u>.

Questions to Ask Us:

Given my financial situation, should I choose an investment advisory service? Why or why not?

How will you choose the investments to recommend to me?

What is your relevant experience, including your licenses, education and other qualifications? What do these qualifications mean?

Item 3 (part 1): What fees will I pay?

For investment advisory services, including retirement planning services, we charge an asset based fee, which is generally billed on a monthly basis. For an asset based fee, the more assets that are in a client's advisory account, the more a client will pay in fees. Therefore, we may have an incentive to encourage clients to increase the assets in his or her account.

In addition to our fees you will be responsible for other fees and expenses, such as, your Advisor's fee, as well as, transaction charges and fees/expenses charged by any custodian of your account, subadvisor, mutual fund, exchange traded fund, separate account manager and any taxes or fees required by federal or state law.

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. For additional information, see Item 5 Fees and Compensation of our Form ADV Part 2A Brochure.

Question to Ask Us:

Help me to 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?

Item 3 (part 2): 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 conflicts with your interests. You should understand and ask us about these conflicts because they can affect the investment advice we provide to you. As an example, we receive various benefits and services from custodians that we may recommend to you. Also, we utilize unaffiliated third party Advisors to solicit prospective clients and pay such solicitors a percentage of the fees earned from these solicited clients. For additional information on how this conflict and others might affect you, please refer to our Form ADV Part 2A Brochure, specifically Item 12 Brokerage Practices and Item 14 Client Referrals and Other Compensation.

Question to Ask Us:

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

Item 3 (part 3): How do your financial professionals make money?

Our financial professionals are paid pursuant to a combination of salary and a bonus structure. The bonus structure takes into consideration factors such as the amount of client assets they service, new clients obtained and/or an increase in client assets supervised by the professional, the time and complexity required to meet a client's needs, the product or services sold and the revenue the firm earns from the financial professional's advisory services recommendations. Financial professionals paid pursuant to a bonus structure that encompasses factors such as increase in firm or client account revenue and increases in managed client assets are subject to a conflict of interest. Since the firm charges an asset-based advisory services fee, the more assets you have in your account the more you will pay in fees and, therefore, the firm and the financial professional have an incentive to encourage you to increase the assets in your account.

Item 4: Do you or your financial professionals have a legal or disciplinary history?

No. You can visit 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?

Item 5: Additional Information.

For additional information about our investment advisory services and to request a copy of our Form CRS, please contact 888-320-6250.

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 a person is treating me?