Glassman Wealth Services, LLC – Form CRS

Item 1 – Introduction

Glassman Wealth Services, LLC ("we" or "us") is registered with the Securities Exchange Commission ("SEC") as an investment adviser. Our services and compensation structure differ from a registered broker-dealer, and it is important for you to understand the differences between those structures. Free and simple tools are available to research firms and financial professionals at www.investor.gov/CRS. The site also provides educational materials about broker-dealers, investment advisers and investing. The italicized sentences appearing in text boxes below are intended to be "conversation starters" for you to have with us, as required by the instructions to Form CRS.

Item 2 – Relationships and Services

What investment services and advice can you provide me?

As fiduciaries, we provide customized investment advisory and financial planning and consulting services to individuals and their trusts and estates ("you" or "clients"). We provide these services based on each client's unique circumstances, including their investment objectives, risk tolerance, investment time horizon, withdrawal requirements, tax considerations, and other special circumstances, which we develop through discussions/meetings with our clients. We monitor portfolios periodically and make changes to them as we deem necessary. We manage portfolios on a discretionary basis, which means we have the authority to buy and sell investments in your accounts without speaking to you before doing so. However, you can place reasonable restrictions on the securities that we buy by notifying us, in writing. We do not have to limit the type of securities we trade for clients to proprietary products or a limited group or type of investment, but we generally construct and manage portfolios containing open-end no load mutual funds, with the remainder primarily allocated among exchange traded funds ("ETFs"), exchange traded notes, independent separate account managers/subadvisers, and private investment funds. We may also agree to provide financial planning and consulting services on a stand-alone separate fee basis. When we provide those services, we rely upon the information clients provide and do not verify or monitor that information because we do not directly implement any aspect of a client's financial plan, except for the ongoing management of a client's investments. We monitor portfolios on a periodic basis as part of our advisory services. Account reviews are conducted semiannually and quarterly depending on the complexity of the client. While we do not monitor certain client-directed securities purchases, we do consider such securities part of the client's overall asset allocation, tax strategy, risk and financial planning goals, and such assets are included under our investment management fee. We generally require a \$2,000,000 minimum asset level and a minimum annual fee of \$16,000 for our investment advisory services. In the event that the client is subject to an annual minimum fee, the client could pay a higher percentage fee than referenced above. Our minimum fee can be waived, reduced, or increased. We may recommend that certain qualified clients consider an investment in unaffiliated private investment funds on a non-discretionary basis. Our role relative to the private investment funds will be limited to its initial and ongoing due diligence and investment monitoring services. The client makes the ultimate decision regarding the purchase or sale of investments in private funds offered on a non-discretionary basis. We only offer advice with respect to limited types of products and limit advice on individual securities. Furthermore, we generally do not bill on certain types of 529 plans and donor advised funds, with exceptions for larger managed accounts.

<u>For more detailed information</u> about our Advisory Business and the Types of Clients we generally service, please see Items 4 and 7, respectively in our <u>Form ADV Part 2A</u>.

Conversation Starters:

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?

<u>Item 3 – Fees, Costs, Conflicts, and Standard of Conduct</u> What fees will I pay?

We are fee-only advisers who do not accept commissions from third parties for the services we provide to you. For investment advisory services, we charge a negotiable fee based upon the percentage of the market value of assets under our management, generally ranging between 0.25% and 1.25%, which is based upon various objective and subjective factors, such as the amount of the assets under management, the complexity of the engagement, and the level and scope of the overall investment advisory services to be rendered. As a result, similarly situated clients could pay diverse fees. Because this fee is based on the amount of your assets under our management, the more assets you designate to us for management, the more you will pay us for our services. Therefore, we have an incentive to encourage you to increase the amount of assets that you designate for our management. Additionally, as further disclosed on Part 2A of our Form ADV, cash positions (money markets, etc.) shall be included as part of assets under management for purposes of determining your advisory fee. We deduct and/or bill clients for our fees quarterly in arrears, based upon the market value of the assets on the last business day of the previous quarter. In limited circumstances, GWS also makes certain other fee schedules available to clients, including tiered, set rate, and flat dollar arrangements. Related accounts are grouped for fee billing breakpoint purposes, a process known as "householding." GWS bills accounts on accrued income including interest and dividends. Our financial planning and consulting fees are negotiable, but generally range from \$500 and \$10,000 on a fixed fee basis subject to the terms of a separate agreement. Our annual fee is prorated and paid quarterly, in arrears, based upon the market value of the assets on the last business day of the previous quarter (rounded to the nearest dollar), which fee shall be adjusted for capital flows (i.e., contributions or withdrawals) on any single market day in excess of \$1,000.00. For more detailed information about our investment advisory and other fees and expenses, please see Item

5 in our Form ADV Part 2A.

Your account will be held with a qualified custodian. You will be responsible for the fees and expenses charged by qualified custodians and imposed by broker dealers according to their fee schedules. Those fees and expenses include but are not limited to certain transaction charges, wire transfer and electronic fund fees, and other fees, taxes and costs related to maintaining an account. If your assets are invested in mutual funds, ETFs, or other registered and unregistered investment companies, you will bear your pro rata share of the investment management fees and other fees of the funds, which are in addition to the fees you pay us. These fees and expenses are described in each fund's prospectus or other offering documents. If your assets are allocated to unaffiliated independent investment managers/sub-advisers you will incur a separate and additional charge for their services. 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.

<u>For more detailed information</u> about our fees and costs related to our management of your account, please see Item 5 in our <u>Form ADV</u> Part 2A.

Conversation Starters:

Help me understand how these fees and costs might affect my investments. If I give you \$2,000,000 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:

- * We may recommend that you engage a particular custodian from whom we receive support services. This presents a conflict of interest, because our receipt of their support makes us more inclined to continue using and recommending them.
- * We may recommend rollovers out of employer-sponsored retirement plans and into Individual Retirement Accounts that we manage for an asset-based fee. If we do not currently manage your account held with your employer's plan, this will increase our compensation.

Conversation Starters:

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

For more detailed information about our conflicts of interest, please review Items 4, 8, 11, and 12 of our Form ADV Part 2A.

How do your financial professionals make money?

Our financial professionals are generally compensated on a salary basis and are eligible to receive additional discretionary income that can be but is not necessarily based on the acquisition of new clients and their growth of assets. Others are equity owners of the firm, who stand to receive a share of the firm's quarterly income. These structures present conflicts of interest, because they can incentivize our financial professionals to recommend that you place additional assets under our management. We mitigate that conflict by adhering to our fiduciary duty when making investment recommendations, so that we make recommendations in conformity with each client's investment strategy and objectives. You should discuss your financial professional's compensation directly with your financial professional.

Item 4 – Disciplinary History

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

No. We encourage you to visit <u>www.Investor.gov/CRS</u> to research our firm and our financial professionals.

Conversation Starters:

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

Item 5 – Additional Information

Additional information about our firm is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov. You may contact our Chief Compliance Officer at 703-534-4444 to request a current copy of our Form ADV Part 2A or our relationship summary.

Conversation Starters:

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

EXHIBIT TO THE AMENDED FORM CRS GLASSMAN WEALTH ADVISORS, INC.

SUMMARY OF MATERIAL CHANGES

March 26, 2024

The following sections of the Glassman Wealth Advisors, Inc. ("GWS") Form CRS have been amended since the Firm's 2023 annual amendment:

- Updated all links to point to most recently filed Form ADV Part 2A Brochure.

July 27, 2024:

<u>Item 2 – Relationships and Services</u>

What investment services and advice can you provide me?

- Added disclosure that GWS reviews client accounts on a periodic basis;
- Added disclosure regarding advisory fee minimums and excluded assets;
- Added disclosure to reflect, with respect to private funds and independent managers, that clients will pay management fees at the fund level and to an independent manager in addition to the management fees paid to GWS;

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

What fees will I pay?

- Added disclosure regarding GWS' billing practices and that accounts are billed on accrued income including interest and dividends;
- Added disclosure to reflect GWS' different fee schedules which may be available in limited circumstances;
- Added disclosure to reflect GWS' "householding" billing practice;