

# Regulation Best Interest Disclosure

This guide summarizes important information concerning the scope and terms of the brokerage services we offer and details the material conflicts of interest that arise through our delivery of brokerage services to you. We encourage you to review this information carefully, along with any applicable account agreement(s) and disclosure documentation you may receive from us.

As you review this information, we would like to remind you that we are registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as a broker-dealer and an investment advisor, providing both brokerage services and investment advisory services. Our brokerage services are the primary focus of this guide. For more information on our investment advisory services and how they differ from brokerage, please review the Customer Relationship Summary (or Form CRS) available at <a href="https://www.trubeewealth.com">www.trubeewealth.com</a>. Our Form CRS contains important information about the types of services we offer, both brokerage and investment advisory, along with general information related to compensation, conflicts of interest, disciplinary action and other reportable legal information.

Please carefully review and consider the information in each section below.

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# **Brokerage Services**

When you establish a brokerage account with us, you have the ability to buy, sell and hold investments within your account. The primary service we provide is our trading capability. We execute purchases and sales on your behalf, and as directed by you. Trubee will allocate brokerage transactions in a manner it believes to be fair and reasonable to its clients and consistent with client objectives. The capacity in which we act is disclosed on your trade confirmation. However, we are not required to communicate it in advance, obtain your consent, or inform you of any profit earned on trades.

# Cash Brokerage and Margin Brokerage Accounts

We provide brokerage services through either a cash brokerage account or margin brokerage account, based on your eligibility and selection. In a cash brokerage account, you must pay for your purchases in full at the time of purchase. In a margin brokerage account, you must eventually pay for your purchases in full, but you may borrow part of the purchase price from our clearing firm, First Clearing<sup>1</sup>. This is generally referred to as a "margin loan." The portion of the purchase price that is loaned you is secured by securities in your account, also referred to as "collateral." You will incur interest costs as a result of your margin activity. While many securities are eligible to be used as collateral for a margin loan, some assets are not available for margin collateral purposes.

Given that a margin-enabled brokerage account has specific eligibility requirements, unique costs, and governing regulatory requirements, our default brokerage option is our cash brokerage account. You must execute a separate margin agreement before engaging in margin brokerage activity. Included with your margin agreement is a copy of the Margin Disclosure Statement. This statement contains important information you should understand and consider before establishing a margin brokerage relationship with us. For more information on our margin brokerage services, contact a financial advisor or refer to our Margin Disclosure Statement available at <a href="https://www.wellsfargoclearingservicesllc.com/bw/fccs/forms/558386.pdf">https://www.wellsfargoclearingservicesllc.com/bw/fccs/forms/558386.pdf</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> First Clearing is a trade name used by Wells Fargo Clearing Services, LLC. 594012 (Rev 06.2023

# **Brokerage Account Types**

We offer many different brokerage account types including individual and joint accounts, custodial accounts, Delivery Versus Payment (DVP) accounts, estate and trust accounts, partnership accounts, individual retirement accounts and other types of retirement accounts as outlined in our account agreement(s). You should refer to our account agreement(s) for more information concerning available account types or speak with a financial advisor.

# Acknowledgment of Fiduciary Status with Respect to Retirement Accounts

The U.S. Department of Labor recently issued a new rule pertaining to investment advice provided to retirement investors, called Improving Investment Advice for Workers & Retirees. The rule applies to retirement accounts governed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act ("ERISA") and/or the Internal Revenue Code ("Code"), including Individual Retirement Accounts ("IRA") and Education Savings Accounts ("ESA"). Pursuant to the rule, we are providing the following acknowledgment:

When we provide "investment advice," as defined under Title I of ERISA or the Code, to you regarding your retirement plan account, IRA, or ESA, we are fiduciaries within the meaning of ERISA and/or the Code. The way we make money creates some conflicts with your interests, so when we operate as a fiduciary for your retirement account(s) we operate under a special rule, PTE 2020-02, that requires us to act in your best interest and not put our interest ahead of yours. To the extent that particular communications to you or activities are considered "investment education" or otherwise non-fiduciary under ERISA, we are not a fiduciary in connection with such communications or activities.

The Department of Labor has published a guide available on the Department of Labor website entitled,

<u>Choosing the Right Person to Give You Investment Advice: Information for Investors in Retirement Plans and Individual Retirement Accounts.</u>

# Incidental Brokerage Services, Recommendations and Account Monitoring

Within your brokerage account, we may also provide other incidental services such as research reports, and recommendations to buy, sell, or hold assets. When we make a securities recommendation, investment strategy recommendation or recommendation to rollover assets from your Qualified Retirement Plan (QRP) to an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), the recommendation is made in our capacity as a broker-dealer unless otherwise stated at the time of the recommendation. Any such statement will be made orally to you. Except when providing advice to a retirement account as described above, we do not agree to enter into a fiduciary relationship with you when acting in a brokerage capacity.

It is important for you to understand that when our financial advisors make a brokerage recommendation to you, we are obligated to ensure the recommendation is in your best interest, considering reasonably available alternatives, and based on your stated investment objective, risk tolerance, liquidity needs, time horizon, financial needs, tax status, and other financial information you provide us. You may accept or reject any recommendation. It is also your responsibility to monitor the investments in your brokerage account, and we encourage you to do so regularly. We do not commit to provide on-going monitoring of your brokerage account. If you prefer on-going monitoring of your account or investments, you should speak with a financial advisor about whether an advisory services relationship is more appropriate for you.

Please also consider that from time to time we may provide you with additional information and resources to assist you with managing your brokerage account. This may include but is not limited to educational resources, sales and marketing materials, performance reports, asset allocation guidance, and/or periodic brokerage account reviews. When we offer these services and information, we do so as a courtesy to you. These activities are not designed to monitor specific investment holdings in your brokerage account, they do not contain specific investment recommendations about investment holdings, and you should not consider them a recommendation to trade or hold any particular securities in your brokerage account. Upon your request, we will review such information and reports with you and may provide you with investment recommendations, but we are not under a specific obligation to do so.

# Clearing Services

We have entered into an agreement with First Clearing (also referred to herein as "Clearing Agent") to carry your account and provide certain back office functions. We and First Clearing share responsibilities with respect to your account as set forth in the Designation of Responsibilities that was delivered to you upon opening of your account. Please refer to the Designation of Responsibilities for more information on how such responsibilities have been allocated between us.

# **Understanding Risk**

It is important for you to understand that all investment recommendations and activities involve risk, including the risk that you may lose your entire principal. Further, some investments involve more risk than other investments. Higher-Risk investments

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may have the potential for higher returns but also for greater losses. The higher your "risk tolerance," meaning the amount of risk or loss you are willing and able to accept in order to achieve your investment goals, the more you may decide to invest in higher-risk investments offering the potential for greater returns. We align risk tolerances with investment needs to offer you different investment objectives from which to choose (see below). You should select the investment objective and risk tolerance best aligned with your brokerage account goals and needs.

Investment goals typically have different time horizons and different income and growth objectives. Generally, investment goals are on a spectrum, with "Income" investors typically holding the smallest percentage of higher-risk investments, followed by "Growth and Income" investors holding some higher-risk investments, and finally "Growth" investors holding a significant portion of their portfolio in higher-risk investments. Risk tolerance also varies and we measure it on a continuum that increases from "Conservative" to "Moderate" to "Aggressive," and finally "Trading and Speculation." See below for details.

# Generally Associated Risk Tolerance

### Income Investment Objective

**Typical Investment Objective Description** - Income portfolios emphasize current income with minimal consideration for capital appreciation and usually have less exposure to more volatile growth assets.

- Conservative Conservative Income investors generally assume lower risk, but may still experience losses or have lower expected income returns.
- **Moderate** Moderate Income investors are willing to accept a modest level of risk that may result in increased losses in exchange for the potential to receive modest income returns.
- Aggressive Aggressive Income investors seek a higher level of returns and are willing to accept a higher level of risk that may result in greater losses.

#### Growth and Income Investment Objective

**Typical Investment Objective Description** - Growth and Income portfolios emphasize a blend of current income and capital appreciation and usually have some exposure to more volatile growth assets.

- Conservative Conservative Growth and Income investors generally assume a lower amount of risk, but may still experience losses or have lower expected returns.
- **Moderate** Moderate Growth and Income investors are willing to accept a modest level of risk that may result in increased losses in exchange for the potential to receive modest returns.
- Aggressive Aggressive Growth and Income investors seek a higher level of returns and are willing to accept a
  higher level of risk that may result in greater losses.

#### **Growth Investment Objective**

**Typical Investment Objective Description** - Growth portfolios emphasize capital appreciation with minimal consideration for current income and usually have significant exposure to more volatile growth assets

- Conservative Conservative Growth investors generally assume a lower amount of risk, but may still experience increased losses or have lower expected growth returns.
- **Moderate** Moderate Growth investors are willing to accept a modest level of risk that may result in significant losses in exchange for the potential to receive higher returns.
- **Aggressive** Aggressive Growth investors seek a higher level of returns and are willing to accept a high level of risk that may result in more significant losses.

#### **Trading and Speculation**

Trading and Speculation investors seek out a maximum return through a broad range of investment strategies which generally involve a high level of risk, including the potential for unlimited loss of investment capital.

Our recommendations are based in part on your risk tolerance and investment objective as outlined above. We encourage you to carefully consider your investment objective and risk tolerance before investing.

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#### Cash Sweep Program Feature

Our brokerage services include a Cash Sweep Program feature. This program permits you to earn a return on un-invested cash balances in your brokerage account by allowing cash balances to be automatically "swept" into a "Cash Sweep Vehicle," until such balances are otherwise required to satisfy obligations arising in your account. These Cash Sweep Vehicles include interest-bearing deposit accounts, and if permissible, money market mutual funds or such other sweep arrangements made available to you. You will receive additional information concerning the Cash Sweep Program in your account agreement(s). More information about the Cash Sweep Program can be found in the Cash Sweep Program Disclosure Statement available at <a href="https://www.wellsfargoclearingservices|lc.com/bw/fccs/forms/568205.pdf">https://www.wellsfargoclearingservices|lc.com/bw/fccs/forms/568205.pdf</a>. Please review that Disclosure Statement carefully.

### Account Minimums and Activity Requirements

There is no minimum initial account balance required to open a brokerage account with us. However, if you either fail to fund your account or do not return account opening documents as required, your account will be closed. In addition, some types of brokerage accounts have minimum account activity requirements and/or minimum on-going balance requirements that must be maintained, or your brokerage account will be closed. These requirements are detailed in the account agreement(s) you receive when you open your brokerage account.

You should also understand that our financial advisors may establish their own minimum account balance requirements for the brokerage accounts they service. For example, a dedicated financial advisor may choose to service only those brokerage account clients who satisfy account-specific or total household asset conditions. Minimum asset requirements are disclosed to you orally by your financial advisor.

# **Brokerage Service Models and Products**

Trubee Wealth Advisors, Inc is a full service broker providing security products and transaction-based services. Trubee offers brokerage services to retail investors, small business, corporations, and philanthropic organizations. We offer fixed-income, equity & alternative investment products that are most suitable for each situation, financial goals, investment time frame and risk tolerance consisting of annuities, bonds (Corporate, Municipal, & Treasury), exchange traded funds (ETFs), stocks, mutual funds, IRAs, money markets, options, and Unit Investment trusts (UITs).

# Brokerage Fees and Our Compensation

It is important to consider that while a brokerage relationship can be a cost-effective way of investing your assets, it is not for everyone given the fees and costs involved.

#### Transaction-Based Fees

You will pay transaction-based fees for trades you decide to enter into, such as buying and selling stocks, bonds, Exchange Traded Products (ETPs), mutual funds, annuity contracts, exercising options and other investment purchases and sale. These transaction-based fees are generally referred to as a "commission," "mark up," "sales load," or a "sales charge." Transaction-Based fees are based on a host of factors, including, but not limited to:

- Underlying product selection
- Your brokerage service model and account type
- · Size of your transaction and/or overall value of your account
- Frequency of your trade activity
- · Available discounts and/or fee waivers

## Account and Service Fees

You will pay fees for various operational services provided to you through your brokerage account. These fees are set at least annually and communicated to you through information included in your account statement and other notifications. These fees do not apply to all account types and may be waived under certain conditions.

You should understand that based on the brokerage service model you choose, the same or similar products, accounts and services may vary in the fees and costs charged to you. For more information about fees, or to speak with a financial advisor call 716.849.1401, or visit us at <a href="https://www.trubeewealth.com">www.trubeewealth.com</a>

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### How We Are Compensated

We receive direct and indirect compensation in connection with your accounts. Direct compensation is taken directly from the affected account. Indirect compensation is compensation paid in ways other than directly from the account and may impact the value of the associated investments in your account. The sections below describe the compensation that we receive in connection with various investments that may be available to you. In many cases, the descriptions that follow refer to a prospectus or offering documents.

#### Financial Advisor Schedules

Commission Schedule for Stocks, Rights, Warrants, Secondary Market Closed End Funds (CEFs) and Exchange Traded Products (ETPs).

The Broker will receive certain forms of commission in connection with the service provided. Equity trading commissions may be based on trade price, principal value of transaction, number of shares, a percentage, cents per share, or a flat dollar amount. Commission is charged every time a trade is placed and will be disclosed on the trade confirmation.

#### Option Rates Equity and Index

Options compensation is received as direct compensation. Option commissions vary based on the number of contracts, trade price of the contract, strike price of the underlying security, principal value of the transactions, or a flat dollar amount. The commission on an option transaction will be deducted from your account when an options trade is placed. The amount of the specific option commission will be disclosed on the trade confirmation.

#### **Debt Securities**

For debt securities, including preferred securities and CDs, we may apply a charge (i.e., markup) of up to 5% of the amount of your secondary market transaction. The specific transaction fee will be disclosed on the trade confirmation.

#### Mutual Funds

We currently offer thousands of mutual funds varying in share class structure and investment style. If you invest in mutual funds, we may receive direct and indirect compensation in connection with such mutual fund investments, as described below.

#### 12b-1/Shareholder Service Fees

Annual 12b-1 fees, also known as trails, are paid by the fund and paid to us out of fund assets under a distribution and servicing arrangement to cover distribution expenses and sometimes shareholder service expenses that we may provide on the fund's behalf. Shareholder servicing fees are paid to respond to investor inquiries and provide investors with information about their investments. These fees are asset-based fees charged by the fund family. These fees range from 0.00% to 1.00%, but the majority of these fees are below 0.85%. These fees may be passed on to us and may in turn be passed on to your Financial Advisor as a commission. Additional trails are referenced in the fund's prospectus.

#### Front-End Sales Charge Fees/Contingent Deferred Sales Charges (CDSC)

Front-End sales charge fees may be charged and paid to us, including your Financial Advisor, when you purchase a fund. The front-end sales charge is deducted from the initial investment on certain share classes. This charge normally ranges from 0.00% to 5.75%. Some purchases may qualify for a reduced front-end sales charge due to breakpoint discounts based on the amount of transaction and rights of accumulation. In addition, some purchases may qualify for a sales charge waiver based on the type of account, and/or certain qualifications within the account. You should contact your Financial advisor if you believe you are eligible for sales charge waivers.

CDSC is a charge you pay upon withdrawal of money from a fund prior to the end of the fund's CDSC period. CDSC charges range from 0.00% to 5.50%. CDSC periods can range from zero to seven years. This charge typically exists only on share classes that do not have a front-end sales charge. It is sometimes referred to as the back-end load. CDSCs are not charged when you purchase a fund. The fee charged will depend on the share class purchased by the investor. A CDSC is not passed on to your Financial Advisor. You can find a description of the amount and payment frequency of all fees and expenses charged and paid by the fund in the fund's prospectus. Fees and expenses disclosed in the fund's prospectus are charged against the investment values of the fund. Please note that 12b-1s and similar fees or compensation received in connection with our affiliated funds are not received, or are rebated, on ERISA assets held in Advisory Program accounts.

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#### Revenue Sharing

Revenue sharing may occur from time to time with First Clearing our clearing agent and Investment companies. Clients may incur certain charges imposed by third party investment and other third parties such as fees charged by managers, custodial fees, deferred sales charges, odd-lot differentials, transfer taxes, wire transfer and electronic fund fees, postage and handling charges and other fees and taxes on brokerage accounts and securities transactions. If an account is transferred from the Firm, Wells Fargo Clearing Services, LLC normally charges a termination fee, a portion of which is paid to the Firm. The Firm does not limit our recommendations to these products that generate third party payment.

#### **Annuities**

Our annuities consist of fixed, index, and variable annuities. Under arrangements with insurance companies, we, including your Financial advisor, receive commissions from the insurance companies for the sale of annuities, as well as trail commissions, and they are considered indirect compensation. Commissions and trails paid to us vary by product type and may vary by insurance carrier. No additional compensation or commissions are earned other then what is described above under Brokerage Fees and the fund's prospectus.

# Unit Investment Trusts (UITs)

Our UITs consist of Equity and Fixed-Income UITs. We, along with your financial advisors, are compensated in ways that vary depending on the type and terms of the UIT portfolio selected. The types of fees received by us are described below and are disclosed via the prospectus issued by the UIT provider. Your financial advisor can provide you a copy of the most recent prospectus. The UIT provider deducts fees as compensation from the proceeds available for investments for marketing and distribution expenses, which may include compensating us as described in each UIT prospectus. Trubee does not offer any proprietary products and only offer products on the broad market.

# Training and Education

Trubee does not receive any compensation from third parties for training or education. We work closely with many product and service providers who provide training and education compensation to offset or reimburse us for costs incurred in conducting comprehensive training and educational meetings for our financial advisors. These meetings or events are held to educate financial advisors on product characteristics, business building ideas, successful sales techniques, suitability as well as various other topics. In addition, certain vendors provide free or discounted research or other vendor products and services, which can assist our financial advisors with providing services to the plan.

Likewise, from time to time, product providers will reimburse us for expenses incurred by individual branch offices in connection with conducting training and educational meetings, conferences, or seminars for financial advisors and participants. Also, financial advisors may receive promotional items, meals or entertainment or other non-cash compensation from product providers. Trubee's gift and entertainment policy is in accordance with FINRA Rule 3220.

### Operational Fees

The Firm's fees are exclusive of brokerage commissions, transaction fees, and other related costs and expenses which are incurred by the client. Clients may incur certain charges imposed by custodians, brokers, third party investment and other third parties such as fees charged by managers, annual fees, IRA fees, inactivity fees, custodial fees, deferred sales charges, odd-lot differentials, transfer taxes, wire transfer and electronic fund fees, initial presentment fee, lost certificates, reorganization activity, bond redemptions, prepayments, stop payments, returned deposit checks, nonsufficient funds (NFS), physical certificate issuance, rejection fees, postage and handling charges and other fees and taxes on brokerage accounts and securities transactions. Such charges, fees and commissions are exclusive of and in addition to the Firm's fee.

#### Trade Corrections

All trade corrections are reviewed and approved by a supervisory principal of the firm. Registered Representatives do not profit from any trade corrections.

## Compensation for Termination of Services

Other than any contingent deferred sales charge for a fund (as described under the Mutual Funds section above, if applicable), IRA termination fees (when applicable), and account transfer fees, the firm would not receive any additional compensation in connection with the termination of its services. If you have questions or need additional copies, contact your financial advisor.

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# Brokerage - Excluded Advisory Assets

As described above, our brokerage services differ from our advisory services. However, in some instances we may allow an advisory client to trade what are referred to as "excluded assets" within their advisory services account. Excluded assets are not subject to our advisory program fees. Instead of our advisory fees, these excluded assets are subject to our standard brokerage charges when traded.

# Conflicts of Interest

Conflicts of interest exist when we provide brokerage services to you. A conflict of interest is a situation in which we engage in a transaction or activity where our interest is materially adverse to your interest. The mere presence of a conflict of interest does not imply that harm to your interests will occur, but it is important that we acknowledge the presence of conflicts. Moreover, our regulatory obligations require that we establish, maintain, and enforce written policies and procedures reasonably designed to address conflicts of interest associated with our recommendations to you.

Our conflicts of interest are typically the result of compensation structures and other financial arrangements between us, our financial advisors, our clients and third parties. We offer a broad range of investment services and products and we receive various forms of compensation from our clients, affiliated and non-affiliated product providers and money managers, and other third parties as described above. Securities rules allow for us, our financial advisors, and our affiliates to earn compensation when we provide brokerage services to you. However, the compensation that we and our financial advisors receive from you varies based upon the product or service you purchase, which creates a financial incentive to recommend investment products and services that generate greater compensation to us.

We are committed to taking appropriate steps to identify, mitigate and avoid conflicts of interest to ensure we act in your best interest when providing brokerage recommendations to you. Below you will find additional information related to our conflicts of interest. This information is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of our conflicts, but generally describes those conflicts that are material to your brokerage relationship. In addition to this disclosure, conflicts of interest are disclosed to you in your account agreement(s) and disclosure documents, our product guides and other information we make available to you.

In addition to the multiple sources of compensation that Trubee Wealth Advisors receives as part of their clearing agreement with First Clearing, LLC, in June 2023, Trubee Wealth Advisors received a one-time Contract Relationship Extension Award, amortized over five years. Repayment of the award is only required if Trubee Wealth Advisors leaves First Clearing for another firm during the term of this contract.

# Compensation We Receive From Clients

#### Transaction-Based Conflicts

In your brokerage account you pay certain fees (commissions and sales charges) in connection with the buying and selling of each investment product, including mutual funds, variable annuities, alternative investments, exchange traded funds, equity securities, and bonds. Where these fees apply, the more transactions you enter into, the more compensation that we and your financial advisor receive. This compensation creates an incentive for us to recommend that you buy and sell, rather than hold, these investments.

#### Markups and Markdowns for Principal Transactions

When you buy or sell securities in a brokerage account, and in accordance with industry regulations, we may impose a markup (increase) or markdown (decrease) in the price of transactions we execute on a principal basis. We are compensated based upon the difference (markup) between the price you pay for securities purchased from us and the price we sell such securities to you over the prevailing market price, or the difference (markdown) between the price you sell securities to us and the price we purchase such securities from you over the prevailing market price. We maintain policies and procedures reasonably designed to help ensure compliance with the markup and markdown industry rules.

#### Account Maintenance and Other Administrative Fees

For the services we provide or make available to you with respect to your brokerage account, the clearing firm charges certain account maintenance and other administrative fees, including transfer, wire, or other miscellaneous fees, as described in the fee schedule provided to you on an annual basis.

### Compensation We Receive from Third Parties

Third-Party payments we receive may be based on new sales of investment products, creating an incentive for us to recommend 594012 (Rev 06.2023 Page 7 of 10

you buy and sell, rather than hold, investments. In other cases, these payments are made on an ongoing basis as a percentage of invested assets, creating an incentive for us to recommend that you buy and hold investments (or continue to invest through a third-party manager or adviser).

The total amount of payments we receive varies from product to product, and varies with respect to the third-party investment

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management products we recommend. It also varies from the compensation we receive in connection with other products and services we may make available to you, including advisory services. We have an incentive to recommend investment products and services that generate greater payments to us. This compensation generally represents an expense embedded in the investment products and services that is borne by investors, even where it is not paid by the Product Sponsor and not directly from the investment product or other fees you pay. The types of third-party compensation we receive include:

- Revenue Sharing. The Firm may share revenue in connection with the investments firm recommends. These payments
  are disclosed in the prospectus received upon purchase. The Firm does not limit our recommendations to these
  products that generate third party payment.
- Trail Compensation. Ongoing compensation from Product Sponsors may be received by us and shared with our
  financial advisors. This compensation (commonly known as trails, service fees or Rule 12b-1 fees in the case of mutual
  funds) is typically paid from the assets of the investment product under a distribution or servicing arrangement and is
  calculated as an annual percentage of invested assets. The amount of this compensation varies from product to
  product. We have an incentive to recommend that you purchase and hold interests in products that pay us higher trails.

#### Additional Compensation from Product Sponsors and Other Third Parties

The Firm will receive certain forms of compensation in connection with the services it provides as broker. Such compensation will include, but not necessarily be limited to, sharing in

- (i.) commissions from transactions processed through the Firm;
- (ii.) distribution fees (12b-1 fees) paid by mutual funds, including money market funds, to the Firm and Custodian based upon the value of such funds held in the Firm;
- (iii.) interest charged on debit balances (if any) in the Account;
- (iv.) asset-based fee payments from banks which maintain deposit money market positions for the Account;
- (v.) interest on free credit balances; and
- (vi.) postage and handling charges/transaction fees which may result in payments to the Firm above its actual costs for such services.

Client further understands that these forms of fee and other compensation sharing arrangements create a conflict of interest when the Firm recommends itself as broker, or other investment or service providers it has compensation sharing arrangements with because the Firm will receive a commission or a share of the fee or compensation if the services are provided or positions are maintained in the Client's Account.

 Gifts and awards, an occasional dinner or ticket to a sporting event, or reimbursement in connection with educational meetings or marketing or advertising initiatives, including services for identifying prospective clients.

**Note**: The amount of these payments is not dependent or related to the level of assets you or any other of our clients invest in or with the Product Sponsor.

#### **Product Share Classes**

Some Product Sponsors offer multiple structures of the same product (i.e., mutual fund share classes and annuities) with each option having a unique expense structure, and some having lower costs to you as compared to others. We are incentivized to make available those share classes or other product structures that will generate the highest compensation to us.

#### Compensation Received by Registered Representatives

Financial advisors are compensated in a variety of ways based on the percentage of revenue generated from sales of products and services to clients and/or total assets under advisement, including brokerage account activity. This compensation may vary by the product or service associated with a brokerage recommendation. In addition to upfront-transaction based compensation, some products feature on-going residual or "trail" payments. Thus financial advisors are incentivized to recommend products that have higher fees as well as those with on-going payments.

Typically, a financial advisor's payout schedule (periodically adjusted by us at our discretion) increases with production and asset levels. The same payout schedule is reduced when financial advisors discount certain client fees and commissions, or client relationship asset levels are below minimums established by us from time to time.

Financial advisors have an incentive to recommend you rollover assets from a Qualified Retirement Plan (QRP) to a brokerage Individual Retirement Account (IRA) because of the compensation they will receive. We maintain policies and procedures

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designed to ensure that rollover recommendations are in your best interest.

Brokerage accounts, unlike advisory accounts, do not feature an on-going fee based on assets under management. Financial advisors are incentivized to recommend you transition your brokerage services account to an advisory account to generate ongoing revenue where your brokerage account has minimal activity. Further, financial advisors are incentivized to recommend you transition your brokerage account to an advisory account after you have already placed purchases resulting in commissions and/or other transaction-based brokerage fees. We have controls established to identify and mitigate this risk. Financial advisors also have an incentive to provide higher levels of service to those clients who generate the most fees.

Recruitment compensation is provided to financial advisors who join our firm from another financial firm. This compensation, which may vary by financial advisor, often includes either an upfront or backend award based upon new client assets to the firm and/or revenue generated from such client assets. This creates an incentive for the financial advisor to recommend the transfer of assets to the firm, including brokerage assets, in order to earn this compensation.

#### Other Financial Advisor Activities

Financial advisors may be motivated to place trades ahead of clients in order to receive more favorable prices than their clients. Trubee has adopted a Code of Ethics for all supervised persons of the firm describing its high standard of business conduct, and fiduciary duty to its clients. The Code of Ethics includes provisions relating to the confidentiality of client information, a prohibition on insider trading, a prohibition of rumor mongering, restrictions on the acceptance of significant gifts and the reporting of certain gifts and business entertainment items, and personal securities trading procedures, among other things. All supervised persons at the Firm must acknowledge the terms of the Code of Ethics annually, or as amended.

Trubee anticipates that, in appropriate circumstances, consistent with clients' investment objectives, it will cause accounts over which the Firm has management authority to effect, and will recommend to investment advisory clients or prospective clients, the purchase or sale of securities in which the Firm, its affiliates and/or clients, directly or indirectly, have a position of interest. The Firm's employees and persons associated with the Firm are required to follow the Firm's Code of Ethics. Subject to satisfying this policy and applicable laws, officers, directors and employees of the Firm and its affiliates may trade for their own accounts in securities which are recommended to and/or purchased for the Firm's clients. The Code of Ethics is designed to assure that the personal securities transactions, activities and interests of the employees of the Firm will not interfere with

- (i.) making decisions in the best interest of advisory clients and
- (ii.) implementing such decisions while, at the same time, allowing employees to invest for their own accounts.

The Firm's clients or prospective clients may request a copy of the Firm's Code of Ethics by contacting Trubee at (716) 849-1401.

# Additional Resources

Form CRS

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