Investor Resources Inc.

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Additional information about Investor Resources Inc. also is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

References herein to Investor Resources Inc. as a "registered investment adviser" or any reference to being "registered" does not imply a certain level of skill or training.

Item 2 Material Changes

There have been no material changes to this Brochure since the last annual amendment filing on June 27, 2022.

ANY OUESTIONS: Investor Resources Inc.'s Chief Compliance Officer. Donald Creech. remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have about the disclosures and arrangements described in this Firm Brochure.

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Item 4 Advisory Business

- A. Investor Resources Inc. ("Investor Resources") is a corporation formed on June 25, 1990 in the state of Washington. Investor Resources became registered as an Investment Adviser Firm in December 1990. Investor Resources is owned by Donald Creech and Perry Sikes, Jr. Mr. Creech is Investor Resources' President.
- B. As discussed below, Investor Resources offers to its clients (currently: individuals, high net worth individuals, related trusts, and pension and profit-sharing plans) investment advisory services. Investor Resources does not provide comprehensive financial planning services or insurance planning services.

Investment Advisory Services

Investor Resources provides discretionary investment advisory services on a *fee* basis as discussed at Item 5 below. Before engaging Investor Resources to provide investment advisory services, clients are required to enter into an *Investment Advisory Agreement* with Investor Resources setting forth the terms and conditions of the engagement (including termination), describing the scope of the services to be provided, and the fee that is due from the client. To commence the investment advisory process, Investor Resources will ascertain each client's investment objective(s) and then allocate the client's assets consistent with the client's designated investment objective(s). Once allocated, Investor Resources provides ongoing supervision of the account(s)

IRI Select Portfolio

The IRI Select Portfolio is limited to No Transaction Fee exchange traded funds (ETFs) and mutual funds sponsored by and custodied at Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. The Schwab funds are asset class index funds with broader diversification and, typically, less volatility than sector funds. The Schwab ETFs have minimal internal expenses and no fee for buying or selling. The portfolio will own no more than five positions. Portfolio positions are determined by strong relative recent performance. The portfolio may be 100% cash. Management fees will be assessed on cash balances. Please note that, to the extent Investor Resources includes cash positions in its asset-based fee calculations, Investor Resources will maintain documentation to demonstrate the manner in which the cash position is actively managed. There is no predetermined asset class assignment. Asset class exposure will be determined by recent relative performance. Holdings will be reviewed regularly.

Global and Dynamic Portfolios

The Global and Dynamic Portfolios can use any exchange- traded fund (ETF) or nontransaction fee mutual fund available at the custodian. The strategies can concentrate positions by industry, sector or asset class. Industry and sector funds typically have greater volatility than asset class funds. The Global Portfolio will hold twenty or fewer positions and may be concentrated in various industries, sectors or asset classes. The Dynamic Portfolio may be concentrated in a single asset class and hold ten or fewer ETFs. Each portfolio may be 100% cash as an active strategy decision implemented during periods of weakness within sectors, the general market or a significant market decline. Please note that, to the extent Investor Resources includes cash positions in its asset-based fee calculations, Investor Resources will maintain documentation to demonstrate the manner in which the cash position is actively managed. Due to historically low interest rates, fixed income assets are included opportunistically rather than by mandate. The expenses of the Global and Dynamic Portfolios are generally higher than the Select Portfolio. During periods of market decline, the Dynamic Portfolio may use inverse exchange traded funds which may provide returns greater than the cash benchmark. Inverse funds have higher internal expenses and increased volatility. By default, inverse funds have more risks than funds that invest solely for up trending markets. Clients seeking to avoid exposure to inverse ETFs, and the associated risks, are advised against using the Dynamic Portfolio.

Oualified Retirement Plan Trustee Support

Investor Resources acknowledges its role as a fiduciary to trustees of qualified retirement plans. Investor Resources provides fund selection for 401k plans and quarterly screening and reporting to plan sponsors according to the terms and conditions of a *Qualified Retirement Plan Trustee Support Agreement*. Investor Resources conducts informational employee meetings on behalf of plan sponsors regarding issues relevant to the plan's approved investment menu. In some circumstances, the client can also engage Investor Resources with the discretionary authority to select investment alternatives that will be made available to plan participants, from which plan participants shall choose in selfdirecting the investments for their individual plan retirement accounts. In addition, Investor Resources may be engaged to create specific asset allocation models that Investor Resources manages on a discretionary basis, which plan participants may choose in managing their individual retirement account.

Miscellaneous

Limitations of Financial and Investment Consulting Services. Investor Resources<u>does</u> not serve as a law firm, accounting firm, or insurance agency, and no portion of Investor Resources' services should be construed as legal, accounting, or insurance implementation services. Accordingly, Investor Resources <u>does not</u> prepare estate planning documents, tax returns or sell insurance products. To the extent requested by a client, Investor Resources may recommend the services of other professionals for certain non-investment implementation purposes (i.e., attorneys, accountants, insurance agents, etc.). Clients are reminded that they are under no obligation to engage the services of any such recommended professional. The client retains absolute discretion over all such implementation decisions and is free to accept or reject any recommendation made by Investor Resources or its representatives. **Please Note**: If the client engages any professional, recommended or otherwise, and a dispute arises thereafter relative to such engagement, the client agrees to seek recourse exclusively from and against the engaged professional.

<u>**Client Obligations**</u>. In performing its services, Investor Resources shall not be required to verify any information received from the client or from the client's other professionals and is expressly authorized to rely thereon. Moreover, each client is advised that it remains their responsibility to promptly notify Investor Resources if there is ever any change in their financial situation or investment objectives for the purpose of reviewing, evaluating or revising Investor Resources' previous recommendations and/or services.

Cash Positions. Investor Resources continues to treat cash as an asset class. As such, unless determined to the contrary by Investor Resources, all cash positions (money markets, etc.) shall continue to be included as part of assets under management for purposes of calculating Investor Resources' advisory fee. At any specific point in time, depending upon perceived or anticipated market conditions/events (there being **no guarantee** that such anticipated market conditions/events (there being **no guarantee** that such anticipated market conditions/events will occur), Investor Resources may maintain cash positions for defensive purposes. In addition, while assets are maintained in cash, such amounts could miss market advances. Depending upon current yields, at any point in time, Investor Resources' advisory fee could exceed the interest paid by the client's money market fund. **Investor Resources' Chief Compliance Officer, Donald Creech, remains available to**

address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above fee billing practice.

Portfolio Activity. Investor Resources has a fiduciary duty to provide services consistent with the client's best interest. As part of its investment advisory services, Investor Resources will review client portfolios on an ongoing basis to determine if any changes are necessary based upon various factors, including but not limited to investment performance, fund manager tenure, style drift, account additions/withdrawals. Based upon these and other factors, there may be extended periods of time when Investor Resources determines that changes to a client's portfolio are neither necessary nor prudent. There can be no assurance that investment decisions made by Investor Resources will be profitable or equal any specific performance level(s). Notwithstanding the above, clients will be subject to Investor Resources' fees as described in Item 5 below during periods of portfolio inactivity.

Retirement Plan Rollovers - No Obligation / Potential for Conflict of Interest. A client or prospective client leaving an employer typically has four options regarding an existing retirement plan (and may engage in a combination of these options): (i) leave the money in the former employer's plan, if permitted, (ii) roll over the assets to the new employer's plan, if one is available and rollovers are permitted, (iii) roll over to an Individual Retirement Account ("IRA"), or (iv) cash out the account value (which could, depending upon the client's age, result in adverse tax consequences). If Investor Resources recommends that a client roll over their retirement plan assets into an account to be managed by Investor Resources, such a recommendation creates a conflict of interest if Investor Resources will earn a new (or increase its current) advisory fee as a result of the rollover. If Investor Resources provides a recommendation as to whether a client should engage in a rollover or not (whether it is from an employer's plan or an existing IRA), Investor Resources is acting as a fiduciary within the meaning of Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act and/or the Internal Revenue Code, as applicable, which are laws governing retirement accounts. No client is under any obligation to roll over retirement plan assets to an account managed by Investor Resources. Investor Resources' Chief Compliance Officer. Donald Creech. remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the potential for conflict of interest presented by such a rollover recommendation.

Cybersecurity Risk. The information technology systems and networks that Investor Resources and its third-party service providers use to provide services to Investor Resources' clients employ various controls, which are designed to prevent cybersecurity incidents stemming from intentional or unintentional actions that could cause significant interruptions in Investor Resources' operations and result in the unauthorized acquisition or use of clients' confidential or non-public personal information. Clients and Investor Resources are nonetheless subject to the risk of cybersecurity incidents that could ultimately cause them to incur losses, including for example: financial losses, cost, and reputational damage to respond to regulatory obligations, other costs associated with corrective measures, and loss from damage or interruption to systems. Although Investor Resources has established its systems to reduce the risk of cybersecurity incidents from coming to fruition, there is no guarantee that these efforts will always be successful, especially considering that Investor Resources does not directly control the cybersecurity measures and policies employed by third-party service providers. Clients could incur similar adverse consequences resulting from cybersecurity incidents that more directly affect issuers of securities in which those clients invest, broker-dealers, gualified custodians, governmental and other regulatory authorities, exchange and other financial market operators, or other financial institutions.

<u>Use of Mutual Funds and ETFs</u>. Investor Resources utilizes mutual funds and exchange traded funds for its client portfolios. In addition to Investor Resources' investment advisory fee described below, and transaction and/or custodial fees discussed below, clients will also incur, relative to all mutual fund and exchange traded fund purchases, charges imposed at the fund level (e.g., management fees and other fund expenses).

Custodian Charges-Additional Fees. As discussed below at Item 12 below, when requested to recommend a broker-dealer/custodian for client accounts, Investor Resources generally recommends that Schwab serve as the broker-dealer/custodian for client investment management assets. Broker-dealers such as Schwab charge brokerage commissions, transaction, and/or other type fees for effecting certain types of securities transactions (i.e., including transaction fees for certain mutual funds, and mark-ups and mark-downs charged for fixed income transactions, etc.). The types of securities for which transaction fees, commissions, and/or other type fees (as well as the amount of those fees) shall differ depending upon the broker-dealer/custodian (while certain custodians, including Schwab, do not currently charge fees on individual equity transactions, others do). These fees/charges are in addition to Investor Resources' investment advisory fee at Item 5 below. Investor Resources does not receive any portion of these fees/charges. There can be no assurance that Schwab will not change their transaction fee pricing in the future. ANY QUESTIONS: Investor Resources' Chief Compliance Officer, Donald Creech, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above.

Reporting Services. Investor Resources can also provide account reporting services, which can incorporate client investment assets that are not part of the assets that Investor Resources manages (the "Excluded Assets"). Unless agreed to otherwise, the client and/or their other advisors that maintain trading authority, and not Investor Resources, shall be exclusively responsible for the investment performance of the Excluded Assets. Unless also agreed to otherwise, Investor Resources does not provide investment management, monitoring or implementation services for the Excluded Assets. If the Investor Resources is asked to make a recommendation as to any Excluded Assets, the client is under absolutely no obligation to accept the recommendation, and Investor Resources shall not be responsible for any implementation error (timing, trading, etc.) relative to the Excluded Assets. The client can engage Investor Resources to provide investment management services for the Excluded Assets pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Investment Advisory Agreement between Investor Resources and the client.

• Advyzon: In the event that Investor Resources provides the client with access to an unaffiliated vendor's website such as Advyzon, and the site provides access to information and/or concepts, including financial planning, the client, should not, in any manner whatsoever, infer that such access is a substitute for services provided by the Investor Resources. Rather, if the client utilizes any such content, the client does so separate and independent of the Investor Resources.

<u>Other Assets</u>. To the extent that Investor Resources provides advisory monitoring or review services for client investment assets for which Investor Resources does not maintain custodian access or trading authority (including initial and ongoing consideration of such assets as part of the client's asset allocation), Investor Resources may determine to include such assets in its advisory fee calculation per Item 5 below.

Disclosure Brochure. A copy of Investor Resources' written Brochure as set forth on Part 2A and 2B of Form ADV shall be provided to each client prior to, or contemporaneously with, the execution of the *Investment Advisory Agreement*. Any client who has not received

a copy of Investor Resources' written Brochure at least 48 hours prior to executing the applicable form of client agreement shall have five business days subsequent to executing the agreement to terminate Investor Resources' services without penalty.

- C. Investor Resources shall provide investment advisory services for each of client's accounts consistent with the investment policy designated in the client's *Investment Advisory Agreement*. Thereafter, Investor Resources shall allocate and/or recommend that the client allocate investment assets consistent with the designated investment objective(s). The client may, at any time, impose reasonable restrictions, in writing, on Investor Resources' services.
- D. Investor Resources does not sponsor or recommend wrap fee programs to new clients. However, in very limited instances, certain of Investor Resources clients maintain legacy accounts in unaffiliated wrap fee programs. With respect to the wrap fee program in which Investor Resources is a participating investment adviser, clients pay their fees directly to the wrap fee program sponsor who, in turn, remits a portion of those fees to Investor Resources. The advisory fees remitted to Investor Resources are based upon an annual percentage of assets under management as calculated by the wrap fee program sponsor and are disclosed to clients as part of the wrap fee program sponsor's Wrap Fee Program Brochure. Under a wrap program, the wrap program sponsor arranges for the program participant to receive investment advisory services, the execution of securities brokerage transactions, custody and reporting services for a single specified fee. Participation in a wrap program may cost the participant more or less than purchasing such services separately.
- E. As of May 22, 2023, Investor Resources had \$50,643,649 in assets under management on a discretionary basis, and \$952,471 in assets under management on a non-discretionary basis, for a total of \$51,596,120 is assets under management.

Item 5 Fees and Compensation

A.

Investment Advisory Services

A client can engage Investor Resources to provide discretionary investment advisory services only on a fee basis, Investor Resources' non-negotiable annual investment advisory fee shall be based upon a percentage (%) of the market value and type of assets, including cash, placed under Investor Resources' management (between 0.50% and 1.75%) as follows:

IRI Select Portfolio

IRI charges a non-negotiable annual advisory fee for participation in the IRI Select Portfolio, in accordance with the following fee schedule:

Market Value of Portfolio	% of Assets
Quarter End Value	1.00%/year = $0.25%$ /quarter

Global and Dynamic Portfolios

IRI charges a non-negotiable annual advisory fee for participation in the Global and Dynamic Portfolios, in accordance with the following fee schedule:

Market Value of Portfolio	% of Assets
On the first \$250,000	1.75%/year = $0.4375%$ /quarter
On the next \$250,000	1.65%/year = 0.4125%/quarter
On the next \$500,000	1.50%/year = 0.375%/quarter
On the next \$1,000,000	1.00%/year = 0.250%/quarter
On the excess	0.75%/year = $0.1875%$ /quarter

This fee is payable quarterly, in advance, based upon the market value of the assets on the last business day of the previous quarter. Investor Resources does not charge for intra-quarter additions or withdrawals unless indicated to the contrary on the *Firm's* Investment Advisory Agreement executed by the client. Upon termination of the engagement, Investor Resources shall refund the pro-rated portion of the advanced advisory fee based upon the number of days that services were provided during the billing quarter.

Investor Resources generally requires a minimum asset level of \$250,000 for the IRI Select Portfolio, Global Portfolio and Dynamic Portfolio.

Oualified Plan Trustee Support

For Investor Resources' Qualified Retirement Plan Trustee Support, Investor Resources' negotiable annual investment advisory fee shall be based upon a percentage (%) of the market value of the assets placed under Investor Resources' advisement (between 0.25% and 0.90%) as follows for plans using Exchange Traded Funds custodied at Charles Schwab Trust Company:

Market Value of Portfolio	% of Assets
On the first \$500,000	0.90%/year = .225%/quarter
On the next \$500,000	0.80%/year = .200%/quarter
On the next \$2,000,000	0.65%/year = .1625%/quarter
On the next \$2,000,000	0.40%/year = .100%/quarter
On the excess	0.25%/year = .0625%/quarter

This fee is payable quarterly, in arrears, based upon the average market value of the assets on the last day of each month of the previous quarter. Upon termination of the engagement, Investor Resources shall bill for the pro-rated portion of the advisory fee based upon the number of days services were provided during the billing quarter and the value of assets on the effective date of termination.

Fee Dispersion. Investor Resources, in its discretion, may charge a lesser investment advisory fee, or waive its fee entirely, based upon certain criteria (i.e. anticipated future earning capacity, anticipated future additional assets, dollar amount of assets to be managed, related accounts, account composition, complexity of the engagement, anticipated services to be rendered, grandfathered fee schedules, employees and family members, courtesy accounts, competition, etc.). **Please Note**: As result of the above, similarly situated clients could pay different fees. In addition, similar advisory services may be available from other investment advisers for similar or lower fees. **ANY QUESTIONS: Investor Resources' Chief Compliance Officer, Donald Creech, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding advisory fees.**

B. Clients may elect to have Investor Resources' advisory fees deducted from their custodial account. Both Investor Resources' *Investment Advisory Agreement* and the

custodial/clearing agreement may authorize the custodian to debit the account for the amount of Investor Resources' investment advisory fee and to directly remit that management fee to Investor Resources in compliance with regulatory procedures. In the limited event that Investor Resources bills the client directly, payment is due upon receipt of Investor Resources' invoice. With respect to Qualified Plan Trustee Support services, Investor Resources generally prepares and submits an invoice to the retirement plan sponsor, which then instructs the plan's custodian to deduct the appropriate fees for remittance to Investor Resources.

- C. As discussed below, unless the client directs otherwise, an individual client's circumstances require, Investor Resources shall generally recommend that *Schwab* serve as the broker-dealer/custodian for client investment management assets. Broker-dealers such as *Schwab* charge brokerage commissions and/or transaction fees for effecting certain securities transactions. These brokerage commissions and/or transaction fees will be assessed in accordance with the respective broker-dealer's brokerage commission and transaction fee schedule. In addition to Investor Resources' investment management fee and applicable brokerage commissions and/or transaction fees, clients will also incur, relative to all mutual fund and exchange traded fund purchases, charges imposed at the fund level (e.g., management fees and other fund expenses).
- D. For Qualified Retirement Plan Trustee Support, Investor Resources' fee is payable quarterly, in arrears, based upon the average market value of the assets on the last day of each month of the previous quarter. Upon termination of the engagement, Investor Resources shall bill for the pro-rated portion of the advisory fee based upon the number of days services were provided and the value of assets on the effective date of termination.

For all other Investment Advisory services, Investor Resources' annual investment advisory fee shall be prorated and paid quarterly, in advance based upon the market value of the assets on the last business day of the previous quarter, unless otherwise set forth herein or in the client's *Investment Advisory Agreement*. Investor Resources does not charge for intra-quarter additions or withdrawals unless indicated to the contrary on the *Firm's* Investment Advisory Agreement executed by the client. Upon termination of the *Investment Advisory Agreement* in accordance with its terms, Investor Resources shall refund the pro-rated portion of any advanced advisory fee paid based upon the number of days remaining in the billing quarter based upon the number of days that services were provided.

E. Neither Investor Resources, nor its representatives accept compensation from the sale of securities or other investment products.

Item 6 Performance-Based Fees and Side-by-Side Management

Investor Resources nor any supervised person is not a party to any performance or incentive-related compensation arrangements with its clients.

Item 7 Types of Clients

Investor Resources' clients currently include: individuals, high net worth individuals, related trusts, and pension and profit sharing plans. Investor Resources generally requires a minimum asset level of \$250,000 for investment advisory services. Investor Resources.

in its sole discretion, may charge a lesser investment management fee and/or waive or reduce its minimum asset requirement based upon certain criteria (i.e., anticipated future earning capacity, anticipated future additional assets, dollar amount of assets to be managed, related accounts, account composition, negotiations with client, etc.).

Fee Dispersion. Investor Resources, in its discretion, may charge a lesser investment advisory fee, or waive its fee entirely, based upon certain criteria (i.e. anticipated future earning capacity, anticipated future additional assets, dollar amount of assets to be managed, related accounts, account composition, complexity of the engagement, anticipated services to be rendered, grandfathered fee schedules, employees and family members, courtesy accounts, competition, etc.). **Please Note**: As result of the above, similarly situated clients could pay different fees. In addition, similar advisory services may be available from other investment advisers for similar or lower fees. **ANY QUESTIONS: Investor Resources' Chief Compliance Officer, Donald Creech, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding advisory fees.**

Item 8 Methods of Analysis, Investment Strategies and Risk of Loss

A. Investor Resources uses portfolio management models based on relative strength analysis and point and figure charts. Investor Resources subscribes to various databases and trade journals to obtain statistical and technical data on stocks, bonds, funds and markets.

Investor Resources may utilize the following methods of security analysis:

- <u>Charting</u> (analysis performed using patterns to identify current trends and trend reversals to forecast the direction of prices)
- <u>Cyclical</u> (analysis performed on historical relationships between price and market trends, to forecast the direction of prices)

Investor Resources may utilize the following investment strategies when implementing investment advice given to clients:

- <u>Long Term Purchases</u> (securities held at least a year)
- <u>Short Term Purchases</u> (securities sold within a year)
- <u>Margin Transactions</u> (use of borrowed assets to facilitate client requests for funds when an account is fully invested with insufficient cash to meet a distribution request).

Please Note: Investment Risk. Investing in securities involves risk of loss that clients should be prepared to bear. Different types of investments involve varying degrees of risk, and it should not be assumed that future performance of any specific investment or investment strategy (including the investments and/or investment strategies recommended or undertaken by Investor Resources) will be profitable or equal any specific performance level(s).

B. Investor Resources' methods of analysis and investment strategies do not present any significant or unusual risks. However, every method of analysis has its own inherent risks. To perform an accurate market analysis Investor Resources must have access to current/new market information. Investor Resources has no control over the dissemination rate of market information; therefore, unbeknownst to Investor Resources, certain analyses may be compiled with outdated market information, severely limiting the value of Investor

Resources' analysis. Furthermore, an accurate market analysis can only identify the current trend of market values. There can be no assurances that the current trend will continue as anticipated or will materialize into actionable and/or profitable investment opportunities.

Investor Resources' primary investment strategies - Long Term Purchases and Short Term Purchases - are momentum investment strategies. However, every investment strategy has its own inherent risks and limitations. For example, longer term investment strategies require a longer investment time period to allow for the strategy to potentially develop. Shorter term investment strategies require a shorter investment time period to potentially develop but, as a result of more frequent trading, may incur higher transactional costs when compared to a longer-term investment strategy.

Investor Resources' portfolio construction and monitoring does not rely on "Modern Portfolio Theory." As with any investment discipline, a relative strength process has periods that are out of favor with current market conditions. During those periods, returns will likely underperform major stock market indices. The tops and bottoms of market trends are only identifiable in hindsight. There is no certainty that the application of our processes will match your expectation for entering or exiting market positions or protecting your portfolio.

In addition to the investment strategies discussed above, Investor Resources may also facilitate the use of margin for cash management purposes. For example, clients may have an immediate need for cash that exceeds the cash available in their investment account. In such instances, Investor Resources may engage in a margin transaction to allow the client to access cash, while Investor Resources looks to sell securities, if needed, to cover the margin loan balance.

The terms and conditions of each margin loan are contained in a separate agreement between the client and the lender, which terms and conditions may vary from client to client. Borrowing funds on margin is not suitable for all clients and is subject to certain risks, including but not limited to: increased market risk, increased risk of loss, especially in the event of a significant downturn; liquidity risk; the potential obligation to post collateral or repay the margin loan if the lender determines that the value of collateralized securities is no longer sufficient to support the value of the margin loan; the risk that the lender may liquidate the client's securities to satisfy its demand for additional collateral or repayment; and the risk that the lender may terminate the margin loan at any time. Before agreeing to participate in a margin loan, clients should carefully review the applicable loan agreement and all risk disclosures provided by the lender including the initial margin and maintenance requirements for the specific program in which the client enrolls, and the procedures for issuing "margin calls" and liquidating securities and other assets in the client's accounts.

Please Note: To the extent that a client authorizes the use of margin, and margin is thereafter employed by Investor Resources in the management of the client's investment portfolio, the market value of the client's account and corresponding fee payable by the client to Investor Resources may be increased. As a result, in addition to understanding and assuming the additional principal risks associated with the use of margin, clients authorizing margin are advised of the **conflict of interest** in which the client's decision to employ margin *may* correspondingly increase the management fee payable to Investor Resources. Accordingly, the decision as to whether to employ margin is left totally to the discretion of client.

C. Currently, Investor Resources primarily allocates (or recommends that clients allocate) client investment assets among various mutual funds, ETFs, individual equities, and bond funds.

All investment portfolios are subject to risks, and there can be no assurance that client investment portfolios will be able to fully meet their investment objectives and goals, or that investments will not lose money. Below is a description of several of the principal risks that client investment portfolios face:

Management Risks. While Investor Resources manages client investment portfolios based on Investor Resources' experience, research and proprietary methods, the value of client investment portfolios will change daily based on the performance of the underlying funds and other securities in which they are invested. Accordingly, client investment portfolios are subject to the risk that Investor Resources allocates assets to asset classes and/or investment managers that are adversely affected by unanticipated market movements, and the risk that Investor Resources' specific investment choices could underperform their relevant indexes.

Mutual Fund Risks. Mutual funds are operated by investment companies that raise money from shareholders and invests it in stocks, bonds, and/or other types of securities. Each fund will have a manager that trades the fund's investments in accordance with the fund's investment objective. Mutual funds charge a separate management fee for their services, so the returns on mutual funds are reduced by the costs to manage the funds. While mutual funds generally provide diversification, risks can be significantly increased if the fund is concentrated in a particular sector of the market. Mutual funds that are sold through brokers are called load funds, and those sold to investors directly from the fund companies are called no-load funds. Mutual funds come in many varieties. Some invest aggressively for capital appreciation, while others are conservative and are designed to generate income for shareholders. In addition, the client's overall portfolio may be affected by losses of an underlying fund and the level of risk arising from the investment practices of an underlying fund (such as the use of derivatives).

Exchange Traded Fund Risks. ETFs are marketable securities that are designed to track, before fees and expenses, the performance or returns of a relevant index, commodity, bonds or basket of assets, like an index fund. Unlike mutual funds, ETFs trade like common stock on a stock exchange. ETFs experience price changes throughout the day as they are bought and sold. In addition to the general risks of investing, there are specific risks to consider with respect to an investment in ETFs, including, but not limited to: (i) the price of an ETF may or may not fluctuate with the price of the underlying securities that make up the fund; (ii) the ETF may employ an investment strategy that utilizes high leverage ratios; or (iii) trading of an ETF's shares may be halted if the listing exchange's officials deem such action appropriate, the shares are de-listed from the exchange, or the activation of market-wide "circuit breakers" (which are tied to large decreases in stock prices) halts stock trading generally.

Equity Market Risks. Investor Resources may invest portions of client assets directly into equity investments, including individual equity securities. The risks associated with equity investments include, without limitation, the risks that equity values will decline due to daily fluctuations in the markets, and that equity values will decline over longer periods (e.g., bear markets) due to general market declines in the equity prices for all companies, regardless of any individual security's prospects.

Fixed Income Risks. Investor Resources may invest portions of client assets directly into fixed income instruments (i.e. bonds, notes, certificates of deposits) or may invest in pooled investment funds that invest in bonds and notes. While investing in fixed income instruments, either directly or through pooled investment funds, is generally less volatile than investing in equity markets, fixed income investments nevertheless are subject to risks. These risks include, without limitation, interest rate risks (risks that changes in interest rates will devalue the investments), credit risks (risks of default by borrowers), or maturity risk (risks that bonds or notes will change value from the time of issuance to maturity).

Concentration Risks. A fund or strategy that invests a substantial portion of its assets in securities within a single industry or sector of the economy will generally be subject to greater price volatility and/or adversely affected by the performance of securities in that particular security or industry.

Please Note: Investment Risk. Different types of investments involve varying degrees of risk, and it should not be assumed that future performance of any specific investment or investment strategy (including the investments and/or investment strategies recommended or undertaken by Investor Resources) will be profitable or equal any specific performance level(s).

Cybersecurity Risk. The information technology systems and networks that Investor Resources and its third-party service providers use to provide services to Investor Resources' clients employ various controls, which are designed to prevent cybersecurity incidents stemming from intentional or unintentional actions that could cause significant interruptions in Investor Resources' operations and result in the unauthorized acquisition or use of clients' confidential or non-public personal information. Clients and Investor Resources are nonetheless subject to the risk of cybersecurity incidents that could ultimately cause them to incur losses, including for example: financial losses, cost and reputational damage to respond to regulatory obligations, other costs associated with corrective measures, and loss from damage or interruption to systems. Although Investor Resources has established its systems to reduce the risk of cybersecurity incidents from coming to fruition, there is no guarantee that these efforts will always be successful, especially considering that Investor Resources does not directly control the cybersecurity measures and policies employed by third-party service providers. Clients could incur similar adverse consequences resulting from cybersecurity incidents that more directly affect issuers of securities in which those clients invest, broker-dealers, qualified custodians, governmental and other regulatory authorities, exchange and other financial market operators, or other financial institutions.

Item 9 Disciplinary Information

Investor Resources has not been the subject of any disciplinary actions.

Item 10 Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

- A. Neither Investor Resources, nor its representatives, are registered or have an application pending to register, as a broker-dealer or a registered representative of a broker-dealer.
- B. Neither Investor Resources, nor its representatives, are registered or have an application pending to register, as a futures commission merchant, commodity pool operator, a

commodity trading advisor, or a representative of the foregoing.

- C. Investor Resources has no other relationship or arrangement with a related person that is material to its advisory business.
- D. Investor Resources does not recommend or select other investment advisers to its clients.

Item 11 Code of Ethics, Participation or Interest in Client Transactions and Personal Trading

A. Investor Resources maintains an investment policy relative to personal securities transactions. This investment policy is part of Investor Resources' overall Code of Ethics, which serves to establish a standard of business conduct for all of Investor Resources' representatives that is based upon fundamental principles of openness, integrity, honesty and trust, a copy of which is available upon request.

Investor Resources also maintains and enforces policies reasonably designed to prevent the misuse of material non-public information by Investor Resources or any person associated with Investor Resources.

- B. Neither Investor Resources nor any related person of Investor Resources recommends, buys, or sells for client accounts, securities in which Investor Resources or any related person of Investor Resources has a material financial interest.
- C. Investor Resources and/or representatives of Investor Resources *may* buyor sell securities that are also recommended to clients. This practice may create a situation where Investor Resources and/or representatives of Investor Resources are in a position to materially benefit from the sale or purchase of those securities. Therefore, this situation presents a conflict of interest. Practices such as "scalping" (i.e., a practice whereby the owner of shares of a security recommends that security for investment and then immediately sells it at a profit upon the rise in the market price which follows the recommendation) could take place if Investor Resources did not have adequate policies in place to detect such activities. In addition, this requirement can help detect insider trading, "front-running" (i.e., personal trades executed prior to those of Investor Resources' clients) and other potentially abusive practices.

Investor Resources has a personal securities transaction policy in place to monitor the personal securities transactions and securities holdings of each of Investor Resources' "Access Persons." Investor Resources' securities transaction policy requires that an Access Person of Investor Resources must provide the Chief Compliance Officer or his/her designee with a written report of their current securities holdings within ten (10) days after becoming an Access Person. Additionally, each Access Person must provide the Chief Compliance Officer or his/her designee with a written report of the Access Person's current securities holdings at least once each twelve (12) month period thereafter on a date Investor Resources selects; provided, however that at any time that Investor Resources has only one Access Person, he or she shall not be required to submit any securities report described above.

D. Investor Resources and/or representatives of Investor Resources *may* buy or sell securities, at or around the same time as those securities are recommended to clients. This practice creates a situation where Investor Resources and/or representatives of Investor Resources

are in a position to materially benefit from the sale or purchase of those securities. Therefore, this situation presents a conflict of interest. As indicated above in Item 11.C, Investor Resources has a personal securities transaction policy in place to monitor the personal securities transaction and securities holdings of each of Investor Resources' Access Persons.

Item 12 Brokerage Practices

A. In the event that the client requests that Investor Resources recommend a brokerdealer/custodian for execution and/or custodial services (exclusive of those clients that may direct Investor Resources to use a specific broker-dealer/custodian), Investor Resources generally recommends that investment management accounts be maintained at *Schwab*. Prior to engaging Investor Resources to provide investment management services, the client will be required to enter into a formal *Investment Advisory Agreement* with Investor Resources setting forth the terms and conditions under which Investor Resources shall manage the client's assets, and a separate custodial/clearing agreement with each designated broker-dealer/custodian.

Factors that Investor Resources considers in recommending Schwab (or any other brokerdealer/custodian to clients) include historical relationship with Investor Resources, financial strength, reputation, execution capabilities, pricing, research, and service. To the extent applicable, shall comply with Investor Resources' duty to seek best execution for such transaction. However, that does not mean that the client will not pay a transaction fee that is higher than another qualified broker-dealer might charge to effect the same transaction where Investor Resources determines, in good faith, that the transaction fee is reasonable. In seeking best execution, the determinative factor is not the lowest possible cost, but whether the transaction represents the best qualitative execution, taking into consideration the full range of a broker-dealer's services, including the value of research provided, execution capability, transaction rates, and responsiveness. Accordingly, although Investor Resources will seek competitive rates, it may not necessarily obtain the lowest possible commission rates for client account transactions. The brokerage commissions or transaction fees charged by the designated broker-dealer/custodian are exclusive of, and in addition to, Investor Resources' investment management fee. Investor Resources' best execution responsibility is qualified if securities that it purchases for client accounts are mutual funds that trade at net asset value as determined at the daily market close.

 <u>Research and Additional Benefits</u>. Although not a material consideration when determining whether to recommend that a client utilize the services of a particular broker-dealer/custodian, Investor Resources can receive from *Schwab* (or another broker-dealer/custodian, investment platform, unaffiliated investment manager, vendor, unaffiliated product/fund sponsor, or vendor) without cost (and/or at a discount) support services and/or products, certain of which assist Investor Resources to better monitor and service client accounts maintained at such broker-dealer/custodian. The support services that Investor Resources can obtain may include: investment-related research, pricing information and market data, software and other technology that provide access to client account data, compliance and/or practice management-related publications, discounted or free consulting services, travel and attendance at conferences, meetings, and other educational and/or social events, marketing support, computer hardware and/or software and/or other products used by Investor Resources in furtherance of its investment advisory business operations. Investor Resources' clients do not pay more for investment transactions affected and/or assets maintained at *Schwab* as a result of this arrangement. There is no corresponding commitment made by Investor Resources to *Schwab* or any other entity to invest any specific amount or percentage of client assets in any specific mutual funds, securities or other investment products as a result of the above arrangement.

Investor Resources' Chief Compliance Officer. Donald Creech. remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above arrangement and any corresponding conflict of interest such arrangement may create.

- 2. Investor Resources does not receive referrals from broker-dealers.
- 3. Investor Resources recommends that its clients utilize the brokerage and custodial services provided by Schwab. Investor Resources does not accept directed brokerage arrangements (when a client requires that account transactions be affected through a specific broker-dealer).
- B. Order Aggregation. Transactions for each client account generally will be effected independently, unless Investor Resources decides to purchase or sell the same securities for several clients at approximately the same time. Investor Resources may (but is not obligated to) combine or "batch" such orders for individual equity transactions (including ETFs) with the intention to obtain better price execution, to negotiate more favorable commission rates, or to allocate more equitably among the Investor Resources' clients differences in prices and commissions or other transaction costs that might have occurred had such orders been placed independently. Under this procedure, transactions will be averaged as to price and will be allocated among clients in proportion to the purchase and sale orders placed for each client account on any given day. In the event that Investor Resources becomes aware that a Firm employee seeks to trade in the same security on the same day, the employee transaction will either be included in the "batch" transaction or transacted after all discretionary client transactions have been completed. Investor Resources shall not receive any additional compensation or remuneration as a result of such aggregation.

Item 13 Review of Accounts

- A. For those clients to whom Investor Resources provides investment supervisory services, account reviews are conducted on an ongoing basis by Investor Resources' Principals and representatives. All investment supervisory clients are advised that it remains their responsibility to advise Investor Resources of any changes in their investment objectives and/or financial situation. All clients (in person or via telephone) are encouraged to review investment objectives and account performance with Investor Resources on an annual basis.
- B. Investor Resources may conduct account reviews on other than a periodic basis upon the occurrence of a triggering event, such as a change in client investment objectives and/or financial situation, market corrections and client request.
- C. Clients are provided, at least quarterly, with written transaction confirmation notices and regular written summary account statements directly from the broker-dealer/custodian and/or program sponsor for the client accounts. Investor Resources may also provide a written periodic report summarizing account activity and performance.

Item 14 Client Referrals and Other Compensation

- A. As referenced in Item 12.A.1 above, Investor Resources can receive economic benefits from *Schwab* including support services and products without cost (and/or at a discount). Investor Resources' clients do not pay more for investment transactions affected and/or assets maintained at *Schwab* as a result of this arrangement. There is no corresponding commitment made by Investor Resources to *Schwab* or any other entity to invest any specific amount or percentage of client assets in any specific mutual funds, securities or other investment products as a result of this arrangement. Investor Resources' Chief Compliance Officer. Donald Creech. remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above arrangement and any corresponding conflict of interest any such arrangement may create.
- B. Investor Resources does not maintain promoter arrangements/pay referral fee compensation to non-employees for new client introductions.

Item 15 Custody

Investor Resources shall have the ability to have its advisory fee for each client debited by the custodian on a quarterly basis. Clients are provided, at least quarterly, with written transaction confirmation notices and regular written summary account statements directly from the broker-dealer/custodian and/or program sponsor for the client accounts. Investor Resources may also provide a written periodic report summarizing account activity and performance.

When Investor Resources debits its fee from a client account, the firm will send the client a written invoice, including the fee, the formula used to calculate the fee, the fee calculation itself, the time period covered by the fee, and, if applicable, the amount of assets under management on which the fee was based. Also, Investor Resources will include the name of the custodian(s) on the client's fee invoice. Investor Resources will send these to the client concurrent with the request for payment or payment of the advisory fees. We urge the client to compare this information with the fees listed in the account statement. **Please Note:** The account custodian does not verify the accuracy of Investor Resources' advisory fee calculation.

Please Also Note: To the extent that Investor Resources provides clients with periodic account statements or reports, the client is urged to compare any statement or report provided by Investor Resources with the account statements received from the account custodian.

Item 16 Investment Discretion

The client can determine to engage Investor Resources to provide investment advisory services on a discretionary basis. Prior to Investor Resources assuming discretionary authority over a client's account, the client shall be required to execute an *Investment Advisory Agreement*, naming Investor Resources as the client's attorney and agent in fact, granting Investor Resources full authority to buy, sell, or otherwise effect investment transactions involving the assets in the client's name found in the discretionary account.

Clients who engage Investor Resources on a discretionary basis may, at any time, impose restrictions, **in writing**, on Investor Resources' discretionary authority (i.e. limit the types/amounts of particular securities purchased for their account, exclude the ability to

purchase securities with an inverse relationship to the market, limit or proscribe Investor Resources' use of margin, etc.).

Item 17 Voting Client Securities

- A. Investor Resources does not vote client proxies. Clients maintain exclusive responsibility for: (1) directing the manner in which proxies solicited by issuers of securities beneficially owned by the client shall be voted, and (2) making all elections relative to any mergers, acquisitions, tender offers, bankruptcy proceedings or other type events pertaining to the client's investment assets.
- B. Clients will receive their proxies or other solicitations directly from their custodian. Clients may contact Investor Resources to discuss any questions they may have with a particular solicitation.

Item 18 Financial Information

- A. Investor Resources does not solicit fees of more than \$500 per client, six months or more in advance.
- B. Investor Resources is unaware of any financial condition that is reasonably likely to impair its ability to meet its contractual commitments relating to its discretionary authority over certain client accounts.
- C. Investor Resources has not been the subject of a bankruptcy petition.

Item 19 Requirements for State-Registered Advisers

- A. Donald Creech and Perry Sikes are Officers of Investor Resources Inc. For more information about the above individuals, please see the Brochure Supplements to Investor Resources' Brochure below.
- B. Investor Resources is not engaged in any other business than as set forth in this Brochure and Brochure Supplements.
- C. Neither Investor Resources, nor its representatives, accepts performance-based fees.
- D. Neither Investor Resources, nor its representatives, has been the subject of any disciplinary actions.
- E. Neither Investor Resources, nor its representatives, has any relationship or arrangement with any issuer of securities.

<u>ANY OUESTIONS</u>: <u>Investor Resources' Chief Compliance Officer, Donald Creech, remains</u> available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above disclosures and arrangements.

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Donald Creech

CRD # 56876

Investor Resources, Inc.

ADV Part 2B, Brochure Supplement Dated: June 15, 2023

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This Brochure Supplement provides information about Donald Creech that supplements the Investor Resources, Inc. Brochure; you should have received a copy of that Brochure. Please contact Donald Creech, Chief Compliance Officer, if you did *not* receive Investor Resources, Inc.'s Brochure or if you have any questions about the contents of this supplement.

Additional information about Donald Creech is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

Item 2 Education Background and Business Experience

Donald Creech was born in 1945. Mr. Creech has attended Grossmont Community College, San Diego State College, Bellevue Community College and City University. Mr. Creech has been President and Co-Owner as well as an investment adviser representative of Investor Resources, Inc. since June of 1990.

Mr. Creech is certified for financial planning services in the United States by Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc. ("CFP Board"). Therefore, he may refer to himself as a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER[™] professional or a CFP[®] professional, and he may use these and CFP Board's other certification marks (the "CFP Board Certification Marks"). The CFP[®] certification is voluntary. No federal or state law or regulation requires financial planners to hold the CFP[®] certification. You may find more information about the CFP[®] certification at www.cfp.net.

CFP[®] professionals have met CFP Board's high standards for education, examination, experience, and ethics. To become a CFP[®] professional, an individual must fulfill the following requirements:

- Education Earn a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university and complete CFP Board-approved coursework at a college or university through a CFP Board Registered Program. The coursework covers the financial planning subject areas CFP Board has determined are necessary for the competent and professional delivery of financial planning services, as well as a comprehensive financial plan development capstone course. A candidate may satisfy some of the coursework requirement through other qualifying credentials.
- **Examination** Pass the comprehensive CFP[®] Certification Examination. The examination is designed to assess an individual's ability to integrate and apply a broad base of financial planning knowledge in the context of real-life financial planning situations.
- **Experience** Complete 6,000 hours of professional experience related to the personal financial planning process, or 4,000 hours of apprenticeship experience that meets additional requirements.
- Ethics Satisfy the Fitness Standards for Candidates for CFP[®] Certification and Former CFP[®] Professionals Seeking Reinstatement and agree to be bound by CFP Board's Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct ("Code and Standards"), which sets forth the ethical and practice standards for CFP[®] professionals.

Individuals who become certified must complete the following ongoing education and ethics requirements to remain certified and maintain the right to continue to use the CFP Board Certification Marks:

- Ethics Commit to complying with CFP Board's Code and Standards. This includes a commitment to CFP Board, as part of the certification, to act as a fiduciary, and therefore, act in the best interests of the client, at all times when providing financial advice and financial planning. CFP Board may sanction a CFP[®] professional who does not abide by this commitment, but CFP Board does not guarantee a CFP[®] professional's services. A client who seeks a similar commitment should obtain a written engagement that includes a fiduciary obligation to the client.
- **Continuing Education** Complete 30 hours of continuing education every two years to maintain competence, demonstrate specified levels of knowledge, skills, and abilities, and keep up with developments in financial planning. Two of the hours must address the Code and Standards.

Mr. Creech became an Accredited Investment Fiduciary[®] (AIF[®]) Designee 2002. The AIF[®] Designation certifies that the recipient has demonstrated specialized knowledge of fiduciary standards of care and their application to the investment management process. To receive the AIF[®] Designation, the individual must meet prerequisite criteria based on a combination of education, relevant industry experience, and/or ongoing professional development, complete a training program, successfully pass a comprehensive, closed-book final examination under the supervision of a proctor and agree to abide by the Code of Ethics and Conduct Standards. In order to maintain the AIF[®] Designation, the individual must annually attest to the Code of Ethics and Conduct Standards and accrue and report a minimum of six hours of continuing education. The Designation is administered by the Center for Fiduciary Studies, the certification division of Fi360 that is responsible for ongoing management of the program.

Item 3 Disciplinary Information

None.

Item 4 Other Business Activities

- A. Mr. Creech, in his individual capacity, provides investment consulting services to other investment professionals under the brand name Donald Creech Consulting. Mr. Creech dedicates less than 10% of his time and receives less than 10% of his total income from this activity. Mr. Creech does not recommend the services of Investor Resources, Inc. to any consulting client and does not recommend that any Investor Resources, Inc. client engage Mr. Creech for separate consulting services outside the scope of the investment advisory relationship. It is therefore not expected that this activity will present any conflicts of interest to any client of Investor Resources, Inc.
- B. Mr. Creech is not actively engaged in any non-investment-related business or occupation for compensation.

Item 5 Additional Compensation

As part owner of Investor Resources, Mr. Creech's compensation is based, in part, on the amount of assets under Investor Resources' management. Accordingly, Mr. Creech has an inherent <u>conflict</u> <u>of interest</u> when recommending that Investor Resources provide investment advisory services, because the recommendation could be made on the basis of compensation to be received, rather than on a client or prospective client's best interests.

Item 6 Supervision

Investor Resources provides investment advisory and supervisory services in accordance with current state regulatory requirements. Investor Resources' Chief Compliance Officer, Donald Creech, is primarily responsible for overseeing the activities of Investor Resources' supervised persons. Mr. Creech also monitors accounts and conducts account reviews on at least an annual basis. Should a client have any questions regarding Investor Resources' supervision or compliance practices, please contact Mr. Creech at (360) 895-9119.

Item 7 State-Registered Investment Advisers

- A. Mr. Creech has never been involved in an arbitration proceeding or a civil, self-regulatory, or administrative proceeding.
- B. Mr. Creech has never been the subject of a bankruptcy petition.

Item 1 Cover Page

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Perry T. Sikes, Jr. CRD # 2605931

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ADV Part 2B, Brochure Supplement Dated: June 15, 2023

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This Brochure Supplement provides information about Perry T. Sikes, Jr. that supplements the Investor Resources, Inc. Brochure; you should have received a copy of that Brochure. Please contact Donald Creech, Chief Compliance Officer, if you did *not* receive Investor Resources, Inc.'s Brochure or if you have any questions about the contents of this supplement.

Additional information about Perry T. Sikes, Jr. is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

Item 2 Education Background and Business Experience

Perry T. Sikes, Jr. was born in 1957. Mr. Sikes graduated from James Madison High School in Vienna, Virginia in 1976. Mr. Sikes has been Vice President and Co-Owner, as well as an investment adviser representative of Investor Resources, Inc. since March of 2007.

Mr. Sikes worked nine years for the Boeing Company receiving continuing education on management and supervisory operations including training in conflict resolution, team building, working with change, and communication in the workplace. Having interests in finance, he took

additional classes in ethics, alternative minimum tax strategies, incentive stock option strategies, trust administration and Washington State probate issues.

Mr. Sikes previously held NASD Series 6, 63, and Washington State life and disability insurance licenses and currently holds the Series 65 license. He founded The Capital Group, a tax practice, in 1988. From 1994 to 1997, he was a registered representative of Cadaret, Grant & Co. Inc., a broker-dealer. He completed qualifications for the CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNERTM certification in 1994 and has met all continuing education requirements since. He founded Premier Consulting, LLC in 2006, a state registered investment adviser providing fee-only financial planning and investment consulting. In 2007, he became a shareholder and officer of Investor Resources, Inc., a fee-only SEC registered investment advisory practice.

Mr. Sikes is certified for financial planning services in the United States by Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc. ("CFP Board"). Therefore, he may refer to himself as a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER[™] professional or a CFP[®] professional, and he may use these and CFP Board's other certification marks (the "CFP Board Certification Marks"). The CFP[®] certification is voluntary. No federal or state law or regulation requires financial planners to hold the CFP[®] certification. You may find more information about the CFP[®] certification at www.cfp.net.

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Item 3 Disciplinary Information

None.

Item 4 Other Business Activities

- A. Mr. Sikes is not actively engaged in any other investment-related businesses or occupations.
- B. Mr. Sikes is not actively engaged in any non-investment-related business or occupation for compensation.

Item 5 Additional Compensation

As part owner of Investor Resources, Mr. Sikes' compensation is based, in part, on the amount of assets under Investor Resources' management. Accordingly, Mr. Sikes has an inherent <u>conflict of interest</u> when recommending that Investor Resources provide investment advisory services, because the recommendation could be made on the basis of compensation to be received, rather than on a client or prospective client's best interests.

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