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Ted K. Saneholtz

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Additional information about Ted K. Saneholtz is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

Educational Background and Business Experience

Ted K. Saneholtz was born in 1960. Mr. Saneholtz graduated from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, in 1983, with a degree in Finance. Mr. Saneholtz founded Summit Financial Strategies, Inc. (Summit) in November 1995. He served as President from November 1995 to January 2016 and Vice President since January 2016.

Mr. Saneholtz has held the designation of Certified Public Accountant (CPA) since 1987. CPAs are licensed and regulated by their state boards of accountancy. While state laws and regulations vary, the education, experience, and testing requirements for licensure as a CPA generally include minimum college education (typically 150 credit hours with at least a baccalaureate degree and a concentration in accounting); minimum experience levels (most states require at least one year of experience providing services that involve the use of accounting, attest, compilation, management advisory, financial advisory, tax or consulting skills, all of which must be achieved under the supervision of or verification by a CPA); and successful passage of the Uniform CPA Examination. To maintain a CPA license,

states generally require the completion of 40 hours of continuing professional education each year (or 80 hours over a 2-year period or 120 hours over a 3-year period). Additionally, all American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) members are required to follow a rigorous *Code of Professional Conduct*, which requires that they act with integrity, objectivity, due care, competence, fully disclose any conflicts of interest (and obtain client consent if a conflict exists), maintain client confidentiality, disclose to the client any commission or referral fees, and serve the public interest when providing financial services. The vast majority of state boards of accountancy have adopted the AICPA's *Code of Professional Conduct* within their state accountancy laws or have created their own. In addition to the *Code of Professional Conduct*, AICPA members who provide personal financial planning services are required to follow the *Statement on Standards in Personal Financial Planning Services* (SSPFPS).

Mr. Saneholtz has held the designation of Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC®) since 2001. The ChFC® designation has been a mark of excellence for almost thirty years and currently requires nine college-level courses, the most of any financial planning credential. Average study time to earn the ChFC® exceeds 450 hours. Required courses cover extensive education and application training in financial planning, income taxation, investments, and estate and retirement planning. Additional electives are chosen from such topics as macroeconomics, financial decisions for retirement, and executive compensation. ChFC® designees must meet experience requirements and adhere to continuing education and ethical standards. The credential is awarded by The American College, a non-profit educator founded in 1927 and the highest level of academic accreditation.

Disciplinary Information

None.

Other Business Activities

Ted Saneholtz is not actively engaged in any other investment-related businesses or occupations.

Mr. Saneholtz is not actively engaged in any non-investment-related business or occupation for compensation.

Additional Compensation

Mr. Saneholtz's annual compensation is based, in part, on the amount of assets under management that Mr. Saneholtz introduces to the Registrant. Specifically, Mr. Saneholtz is eligible to receive a bonus based on a percentage of the fees collected by referred clients (both direct and secondary referrals) for the first two years after a client enters into an agreement with the Registrant.

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Supervision

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supervised persons. Summit's employees direct any questions regarding the applicability or relevance of the *Act*, its Rules, or the contents of the *Rule 206(4)-7 Policies and Procedures Manual* to the Chief Compliance Officer. Clients with questions regarding Summit's supervision or compliance practices should contact Timothy Swain at (614) 885-1115.

Samantha A. L. Macchia

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Additional information about Samantha A. L. Macchia is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

Educational Background and Business Experience

Samantha A. L. Macchia was born in 1969. Ms. Macchia graduated from The University of Akron in 1991, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration/Finance. Ms. Macchia has been employed at Summit Financial Strategies, Inc. (Summit) since July 1996. She served as a Partner since 2002, Chief Compliance Officer from July 2007 to January 2016, and President since January 2016.

Ms. Macchia has been a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ professional since 1995. Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc. ("CFP Board") owns the CFP® certification mark, the CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ certification mark, and the CFP® certification mark (with flame design) logo in the United States (these marks are collectively referred to as the "CFP® marks"). The CFP Board authorizes use of the CFP® marks by individuals who successfully complete the CFP Board's initial and ongoing certification requirements.

The CFP® certification is a voluntary certification; no federal or state law or regulation requires financial planners to hold CFP® certification. It is recognized in the United States and a number of other countries for its (1) high standard of professional education; (2) stringent code of conduct and standards of practice; and (3) ethical requirements that govern professional engagements with clients. Currently, more than 87,000 individuals have obtained CFP® certification in the United States.

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- Ethics – Agree to be bound by CFP Board’s *Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct*, which put clients’ interest first; acknowledge CFP Board’s right to enforce them through its *Disciplinary Rules and Procedures*; comply with the *Financial Planning Practice Standards* which determine what clients should reasonably expect from the financial planning engagement and complete a CFP® Certification Application which requires disclosure of an individual’s background, including involvement in any criminal, civil, governmental, or self-regulatory agency proceeding or inquiry, bankruptcy, customer complaint, filing, termination/internal reviews conducted by the individual’s employer or firm.

Individuals who become certified must complete the following ongoing education and ethics requirements in order to maintain the right to continue to use the CFP® marks:

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Disciplinary Information

None.

Other Business Activities

Samantha Macchia is not actively engaged in any other investment-related businesses or occupations.

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Additional Compensation

Ms. Macchia's annual compensation is based, in part, on the amount of assets under management that Ms. Macchia introduces to the Registrant. Specifically, Ms. Macchia's is eligible to receive a bonus based on a percentage of the fees collected by referred clients (both direct and secondary referrals) for the first two years after a client enters into an agreement with the Registrant.

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Brian T. Sutliff

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Educational Background and Business Experience

Brian T. Sutliff was born in 1967. Mr. Sutliff graduated from The Ohio State University in 1992, with a degree in Family Financial Planning. Mr. Sutliff graduated from The College for Financial Planning in 2004, with a Masters degree in Financial Planning. Mr. Sutliff has been employed at Summit Financial Strategies, Inc. (Summit) since January 2005. He has served as Partner since January 2005 and a Vice President since January 2016.

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Mr. Sutliff has held the designation of Certified Divorce Financial Analyst™ since 2006. CDFA™ is a designation conferred by the Institute for Divorce Financial Analysts™. Candidates must have a minimum of two years of experience as a financial professional, accountant, or matrimonial lawyer; must be in good standing with their Broker Dealer (if applicable) and the FINRA/SEC; and must complete a series of self-study course materials and pass an exam for each module. The courses and exams cover the topics of financial and legal issues of divorce, advance financial issues of divorce, tax issues of divorce, and case studies about working as a CDFA™.

Disciplinary Information

None.

Other Business Activities

Brian Sutliff is a lecturer in The Ohio State University Department of Human Sciences. He teaches financial planning classes to students majoring in Consumer and Family Financial Services.

Mr. Sutliff is not actively engaged in any non-investment-related business or occupation for compensation.

Additional Compensation

Mr. Sutliff's annual compensation is based, in part, on the amount of assets under management that Mr. Sutliff introduces to the Registrant. Specifically, Mr. Sutliff is eligible to receive a bonus

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Liam J. Hurley

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Additional information about Liam J. Hurley is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

Educational Background and Business Experience

Liam J. Hurley was born in 1967. Mr. Hurley graduated from Grove City College in 1989, with a degree in Economics/Financial Planning. Mr. Hurley graduated from Robert Morris University in 1995, with a Masters degree in Taxation. Mr. Hurley has been employed at Summit Financial Strategies, Inc. (Summit) since September 2000. He has served as a Partner since 2005 and a Vice President since January 2016.

Mr. Hurley has been a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ professional since 1993. Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc. ("CFP Board") owns the CFP® certification mark, the CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ certification mark, and the CFP® certification mark (with flame design) logo in the United States (these marks are collectively referred to as the "CFP® marks"). The CFP Board authorizes use of the CFP® marks by individuals who successfully complete the CFP Board's initial and ongoing certification requirements.

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Mr. Hurley earned the designation of Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst (CAIA) Charter Holder in November 2013. The CAIA Charter, recognized globally, is administered by the Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst Association and requires a comprehensive understanding of core and advanced concepts regarding alternative investments, structures, and ethical obligations. To qualify for the CAIA Charter, finance professionals must complete a self-directed, comprehensive course of study on risk-return attributes of institutional quality alternative assets; pass both the Level I and Level II CAIA examinations at global, proctored testing centers; attest annually to the terms of the Member Agreement; and hold a US bachelor's degree (or equivalent) plus have at least one year of professional experience or have four years of professional experience. Professional experience includes full-time employment in a professional capacity within the regulatory, banking, financial, or related fields. Once a qualified candidate completes the CAIA program, he or she may apply for CAIA membership and

the right to use the CAIA designation, providing an opportunity to access ongoing educational opportunities.

Mr. Hurley has been designated as a Certified Investment Management Analyst (CIMA®) since 1999. The CIMA® certification signifies that an individual has met initial and on-going experience, ethical, education, and examination requirements for investment management consulting, including advanced investment management theory and application. The designation is administered through the Investments & Wealth Institute®. Prerequisites for the CIMA® certification are three years of financial services experience and an acceptable regulatory history. To obtain the CIMA® certification, candidates must complete an executive education program through a registered education provider and pass a comprehensive certification exam. CIMA® designees are required to adhere to the Investments & Wealth Institute's® Code of Professional Responsibility and the appropriate use of the certification marks. CIMA® designees must report 40 hours of continuing education credits, including two ethics hours, every two years to maintain the certification.

Mr. Hurley received the enrolled agent designation on July 2012. An enrolled agent is a person who has earned the privilege of representing taxpayers before the Internal Revenue Service by either passing a three-part comprehensive IRS test covering individual and business tax returns, or through experience as a former IRS employee. Enrolled agent status is the highest credential the IRS awards. Individuals who obtain this elite status must adhere to ethical standards and complete 72 hours of continuing education courses every three years.

Enrolled agents, like attorneys and certified public accountants, have unlimited practice

rights. This means they are unrestricted as to which taxpayers they can represent, what types of tax matters they can handle, and which IRS offices they can represent clients before.

Mr. Hurley has been a CFA® Charterholder since 2016. CFA® designates an international professional certificate that is offered by the CFA Institute. The Chartered Financial Analyst® (CFA®) charter is a globally respected, graduate-level investment credential established in 1962 and awarded by CFA Institute — the largest global association of investment professionals.

There are currently more than 170,000 CFA® Charterholders working in over 170 countries and regions. To earn the CFA® charter, candidates must: (1) pass three sequential, six-hour examinations; (2) have at least four years of qualified professional investment experience; (3) join CFA Institute as members; and (4) commit to abide by, and annually reaffirm, their adherence to the CFA Institute Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct.

The CFA Institute Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct, enforced through an active professional conduct program, require CFA® Charterholders to:

- Place their clients' interests ahead of their own
- Maintain independence and objectivity
- Act with integrity
- Maintain and improve their professional competence
- Disclose conflicts of interest and legal matters

Passing the three CFA exams is a difficult feat that requires extensive study (successful candidates report spending an average of 300 hours of study per level). Earning the CFA® charter demonstrates mastery of many of the advanced skills needed for investment analysis and decision making in today's

quickly evolving global financial industry. As a result, employers and clients are increasingly seeking CFA® Charterholders — often making the charter a prerequisite for employment. Additionally, regulatory bodies in 38 countries/territories recognize the CFA® charter as a proxy for meeting certain licensing requirements, and more than 466 colleges and universities around the world have incorporated a majority of the CFA Program curriculum into their own finance courses.

The CFA Program curriculum provides a comprehensive framework of knowledge for investment decision making and is firmly grounded in the knowledge and skills used every day in the investment profession. The three levels of the CFA Program test a proficiency with a wide range of fundamental and advanced investment topics, including ethical and professional standards, fixed-income and equity analysis, alternative and derivative investments, economics, financial reporting standards, portfolio management, and wealth planning.

The CFA Program curriculum is updated every year by experts from around the world to ensure that candidates learn the most relevant and practical new tools, ideas, and investment and wealth management skills to reflect the dynamic and complex nature of the profession.

Disciplinary Information

None.

Other Business Activities

Liam Hurley is not actively engaged in any other investment-related businesses or occupations.

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Additional Compensation

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them through its *Disciplinary Rules and Procedures*; comply with the *Financial Planning Practice Standards* which determine what clients should reasonably expect from the financial planning engagement and complete a CFP® Certification Application which requires disclosure of an individual's background, including involvement in any criminal, civil, governmental, or self-regulatory agency proceeding or inquiry, bankruptcy, customer complaint, filing, termination/internal reviews conducted by the individual's employer or firm.

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Mr. Reardon became a Chartered Retirement Plans SpecialistSM (CRPS®) in 2006. The College of Financial Planning® awards the CRPS® designation to applicants who complete the CRPS® professional education program, pass a final examination, commit to a code of ethics and agree to pursue continuing education. Continued use of the CRPS® designation is subject to ongoing renewal requirements. Every two years the designee must renew their right to continue using the CRPS® designation by completing 16 hours of continuing education and reaffirming to abide by the Standards of Professional Conduct.

Mr. Reardon became an Accredited Investment Fiduciary® (AIF®) designee in November 2015. The AIF Designation

certifies that the recipient has 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 standards-setting body of fi360.

Disciplinary Information

None.

Other Business Activities

Joseph Reardon is not actively engaged in any other investment-related businesses or occupations.

Mr. Reardon is not actively engaged in any non-investment-related business or occupation for compensation.

Additional Compensation

Mr. Reardon's annual compensation is based, in part, on the amount of assets under management that Mr. Reardon introduces to the Registrant. Specifically, Mr. Reardon is eligible to receive a bonus based on a percentage of the fees collected by referred clients (both direct and secondary referrals) for the first two years after a client enters into an agreement with the Registrant.

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Mark S. Coffey

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Additional information about Mark S. Coffey is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

Educational Background and Business Experience

Mark S. Coffey was born in 1960. Mr. Coffey graduated from Bethany College in 1982, with a degree in Political Science. Mr. Coffey graduated from Capital University Law School in 1985, with a Juris Doctor degree. From June 1999 to June 2010, Mr. Coffey was employed as a financial planner of John E. Sestina and Company. Mr. Coffey has been employed at Summit Financial Strategies, Inc. (Summit) since July 2010. He has served as a Senior Financial Advisor since July 2010 and a Partner since 2015.

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Disciplinary Information

None.

Other Business Activities

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Mr. Coffey is not actively engaged in any non-investment-related business or occupation for compensation.

Additional Compensation

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Wendy S. Trout

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Educational Background and Business Experience

Wendy Trout was born in 1971. Ms. Trout graduated from DeVry Institute of Technology in 1994, with a degree in Business Operations. Ms. Trout has been employed as a Financial Advisor at Summit Financial Strategies, Inc. (Summit) since October 2005. She has served as a Senior Financial Advisor since October 2011, Partner since 2015, and Vice President and Secretary since January 2016.

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Ms. Trout has been a Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy® (CAP®) since 2015. Candidates for the CAP® designation must complete a minimum of three courses in philanthropic studies through the Irwin Graduate School of The American College and six hours of rigorous, supervised written examinations. The curriculum addresses the advanced design, implementation and management of charitable gift techniques and strategies, as well and philanthropic tools including charitable trusts, private foundations, supporting organizations, donor-advised funds, pooled income funds, and

charitable gift annuities. CAP® designees must have three-years of full-time, relevant business experience and earn 15 hours of continuing education every two years in course work directly related to the designation.

Disciplinary Information

None.

Other Business Activities

Wendy Trout is not actively engaged in any other investment-related businesses or occupations.

Ms. Trout is not actively engaged in any non-investment-related business or occupation for compensation.

Additional Compensation

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Michael R. Scherer

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Additional information about Michael R. Scherer is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

Educational Background and Business Experience

Michael R. Scherer was born in 1985. Mr. Scherer graduated from Miami University in 2007, with a degree in finance. Since May 2006, Mr. Scherer has been employed by Summit Financial Strategies, Inc. (Summit) since May 2008. He has served as an Associate Advisor from May 2011 to May 2012; Financial Advisor from May 2012 to May 2015; and Senior Financial Advisor, Partner, and Vice President since January 2016.

Mr. Scherer has been a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ professional since 2010. Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc. ("CFP Board") owns the CFP® certification mark, the CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ certification mark, and the CFP® certification mark (with flame design) logo in the United States (these marks are collectively referred to as the "CFP® marks"). The CFP Board authorizes use of the CFP® marks by individuals who successfully complete the CFP Board's initial and ongoing certification requirements.

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Disciplinary Information

None.

Other Business Activities

Michael Scherer is not actively engaged in any other investment-related businesses or occupations.

Mr. Scherer is not actively engaged in any non-investment-related business or occupation for compensation.

Additional Compensation

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Timothy W. Swain

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Educational Background and Business Experience

Timothy W. Swain was born in 1982. Mr. Swain graduated from The Ohio State University in 2007, with a degree in human ecology. Mr. Swain has been employed by Summit Financial Strategies, Inc. (Summit) since 2006. He has served a Staff Financial Advisor from April 2008 to April 2013; Associate Advisor from April 2013 to April 2014; Financial Advisor since April 2014, Senior Financial Advisor since April 2016; and Chief Compliance Officer, Partner, and Vice President since January 2016.

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Disciplinary Information

None.

Other Business Activities

Timothy Swain is not actively engaged in any other investment-related businesses or occupations.

Mr. Swain is not actively engaged in any non-investment-related business or occupation for compensation.

Additional Compensation

Mr. Swain's annual compensation is based, in part, on the amount of assets under management that Mr. Swain introduces to the Registrant. Specifically, Mr. Swain is eligible to receive a bonus based on a percentage of the fees collected by referred clients (both direct and secondary referrals) for the first two years after a client enters into an agreement with the Registrant. Accordingly, Mr. Swain has a conflict of interest in recommending the Registrant to clients for investment advisory services, as the recommendation is influenced by Mr. Swain's financial interest instead of based solely on a client or prospective client's best interests. The Registrant believes that Mr. Swain's financial interests are aligned with referred clients. However, the Registrant seeks to mitigate this conflict of interest by disclosing it to clients.

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Luke J. Salcone

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Additional information about Luke J. Salcone is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

Educational Background and Business Experience

Luke J. Salcone was born in 1989. Mr. Salcone graduated from The Ohio State University in 2012, with a degree in human ecology. Mr. Salcone has been employed by Summit Financial Strategies, Inc. (Summit) since January 2012. He has served as an Intern from January 2012 to May 2012; as a Paraplanner from September 2012 to September 2013; as a Staff Financial Advisor from September 2013 to September 2015; as an Associate Advisor from September 2015 to January 2017; and as a Financial Advisor since January 2017.

Mr. Salcone has been a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ professional since 2014. Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc. ("CFP Board") owns the CFP® certification mark, the CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ certification mark, and the CFP® certification mark (with flame design) logo in the United States (these marks are collectively referred to as the "CFP® marks"). The CFP Board authorizes use of the CFP® marks by individuals who successfully complete the

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- Examination – Pass the comprehensive CFP® Certification Examination. The examination, administered in 6 hours, includes case studies and client scenarios designed to test one's ability to correctly diagnose financial planning issues and apply one's knowledge of financial planning to real world circumstances;
- Experience – CFP Board requires 6,000 hours of experience through the Standard

Pathway, or 4,000 hours of experience through the Apprenticeship Pathway that meets additional requirements; and

- Ethics – Agree to be bound by CFP Board’s *Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct*, which put clients’ interest first; acknowledge CFP Board’s right to enforce them through its *Disciplinary Rules and Procedures*; comply with the *Financial Planning Practice Standards* which determine what clients should reasonably expect from the financial planning engagement and complete a CFP® Certification Application which requires disclosure of an individual’s background, including involvement in any criminal, civil, governmental, or self-regulatory agency proceeding or inquiry, bankruptcy, customer complaint, filing, termination/internal reviews conducted by the individual’s employer or firm.

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Mr. Salcone has held the designation of Retirement Income Certified Professional® (RICP®) since 2021. The RICP® designation teaches advisers techniques and best practices used to create sustainable streams of retirement income. The education covers retirement income planning, maximizing Social Security and other income sources, minimizing risks to the plan, and managing portfolios during the asset distribution phase. The

designation includes three required, college-level courses that represent a total average study time of more than 150 hours. RICP® designees must meet experience, continuing education and ethics requirements. The credential is awarded by The American College, a non-profit educator founded in 1927 and the highest form of academic accreditation.

Disciplinary Information

None.

Other Business Activities

Luke Salcone is not actively engaged in any other investment-related businesses or occupations.

Mr. Salcone is not actively engaged in any non-investment-related business or occupation for compensation.

Additional Compensation

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Benjamin I. Skinner

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Additional information about Timothy W. Swain is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

Educational Background and Business Experience

Benjamin I. Skinner was born in 1979. Mr. Skinner graduated from Ohio State University in 2012, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Ecology. Mr. Skinner was an analyst at Nationwide Insurance from April 2001 to April 2012. He was an intern and then an assistant financial planner at Fairfield Investments and Wealth Management, LLC from May 2011 to December 2011. Mr. Skinner has been employed by Summit Financial Strategies, Inc. (Summit) since 2012. He served as an Intern from January 2012 to April 2012; Paraplanner from April 2012 to May 2013; Staff Financial Advisor from April 2013 to May 2016; Associate Advisor from May 2016 to January 2017; and Financial Advisor since January 2017.

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professionals provide financial planning services in the best interests of their clients.

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Disciplinary Information

None.

Other Business Activities

Benjamin Skinner is not actively engaged in any other investment-related businesses or occupations.

Mr. Skinner is not actively engaged in any non-investment-related business or occupation for compensation.

Additional Compensation

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Austen S. Harrison

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Additional information about Austen S. Harrison is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

Educational Background and Business Experience

Austen S. Harrison was born in 1992. Mr. Harrison graduated from Ashland University in 2014, with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. Mr. Harrison was a Paraplanner at Summit Financial Strategies, Inc. (Summit), from May 2014 to May 2015. Mr. Harrison was a Staff Financial Advisor at Summit from May 2015 to January 2019. Mr. Harrison has been employed by Summit as an Associate Advisor since January 2019.

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Disciplinary Information

None.

Other Business Activities

Austen Harrison is not actively engaged in any other investment-related business or occupation.

Mr. Harrison is not actively engaged in any other non-investment-related business or occupation for compensation.

Additional Compensation

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Benjamin W. Murray

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Educational Background and Business Experience

Benjamin W. Murray was born in 1988. Mr. Murray graduated from the University of Dayton in 2010, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Economics and Finance and in 2011, with a Master of Business Administration degree with a concentration in Finance. Mr. Murray was an internal auditor at PNC Bank from February 2015 to September 2016 and an associate investment advisor from April 2013 to January 2015.

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Disciplinary Information

None.

Other Business Activities

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Mr. Murray is not actively engaged in any other non-investment-related business or occupation for compensation.

Additional Compensation

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