Aberdeen Wealth Management LLC

Firm Brochure

(Part 2A of Form ADV)

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This brochure provides information about the qualifications and business practices of ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC. If you have any questions about the contents of this brochure, please contact us at: (312) 456-3315, or by email at: kpscullion@sbcglobal.net. The information in this brochure has not been approved or verified by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, or by any state securities authority.

Additional information about ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov

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Material Changes

Annual Update

The Material Changes section of this brochure will be updated annually when material changes occur since the previous release of the Firm Brochure.

Material Changes since the Last Update

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission issued a final rule in July 2010 requiring advisers to provide a Firm Brochure in narrative "plain English" format. The new final rule specifies mandatory sections and organization.

Full Brochure Available

Whenever you would like to receive a complete copy of our Firm Brochure, please contact us by telephone at: (312) 456-3315 or by email at: kpscullion@sbcglobal.net.

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Advisory Business

Firm Description

ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC, ("FIRM NAME") was founded in 2000.

ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC provides personalized confidential investment management and financial planning to individuals, pension and profit sharing plans, trusts, estates, charitable organizations and small businesses. Advice is provided through consultation with the client and may include: investment management, coordination of other investment managers as may be requested by the client, determination of financial objectives, identification and resolution of financial problems, cash flow management, debt management, tax planning, company benefits planning, insurance review, education funding, charitable entity counseling, retirement planning, and estate planning.

ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC is strictly a fee-only investment management and financial planning firm. The firm does not sell annuities, insurance, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, limited partnerships, or other commissioned products. The firm is not affiliated with entities that sell financial products or securities. No commissions in any form are accepted. No finder's fees are accepted.

Investment advice is an integral part of financial planning. In addition, ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC advises clients regarding cash flow, college planning, retirement planning, tax planning and estate planning.

ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC does not act as a custodian of client assets. The client always maintains asset control. ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC places trades for clients under a limited power of attorney.

Other professionals (e.g., lawyers, accountants, insurance agents, etc.) are engaged directly by the client on an as-needed basis. Conflicts of interest will be disclosed to the client in the unlikely event they should occur. In some instances, ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC may employ third parties as approved or requested by the client to provide additional services. Specifically, By All Accounts is used to retrieve and aggregate client financial data from other sources if requested by the client. Also, Asset Dedication may be employed at the client request to handle part or all of the fixed income component of a client's investment portfolio.

Principal Owners

ROBERTA B. FERGUSON is a 50% member. KEVIN P. SCULLION is a 50% member.

Types of Advisory Services

ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC provides investment supervisory services, also known as investment management services; manages investment advisory accounts not involving investment supervisory services and furnishes investment advice through consultations.

In addition, ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC furnishes advice to clients on matters not involving securities, such as financial planning matters, taxation issues, and trust services that often include estate planning.

As of December 31, 2009, ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC manages approximately \$256,000,000 in assets for approximately 95 clients. Approximately \$221,000,000 is managed on a discretionary basis, and \$35,000,000 is managed on a non-discretionary basis.

Tailored Relationships

An Investment Objectives statement is created for each client that reflects the Risk Tolerances and investment objectives. Clients may impose restrictions on investing in certain securities or types of securities.

Agreements may not be assigned without the client's consent.

Types of Agreements

The following agreements define the typical client relationships.

Financial Planning Agreement

If requested by the client, a financial plan is designed to help the client with all aspects of financial planning without ongoing investment management after the financial plan is completed.

The financial plan may include, but is not limited to: a net worth statement; a cash flow statement; a review of investment accounts, including reviewing asset allocation and providing repositioning recommendations; a review of company benefits, strategic tax planning; a review of debt, a review of retirement accounts and plans including recommendations; a review of insurance policies and recommendations for changes, if necessary; one or more retirement scenarios; estate planning review and recommendations; and education planning with funding recommendations.

Detailed investment advice and specific recommendations are provided as part of a financial plan. Implementation of the recommendations is at the discretion of the client.

The fee for a financial plan is predicated upon the facts known at the start of the engagement. The minimum fee is \$5,000.00 and is *NOT NEGOTIABLE*. Since financial planning is a discovery process, situations occur wherein the client is unaware of certain financial exposures or predicaments.

In the event that the client's situation is substantially different than disclosed at the initial meeting, a revised fee will be provided for mutual agreement. The client must approve the change of scope in advance of the additional work being performed when a fee increase is necessary.

After delivery of a financial plan, future face-to-face meetings may be scheduled as necessary for up to one month. Follow-up implementation work is billed separately at the rate of \$270.00 per hour.

Investment Advisory Agreement

Clients may choose to have ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC manage their investment assets in order to obtain ongoing in-depth advice and life planning

Prior to the start of the work, Investment Advisory Agreement is provided to the client for investment management services.

The annual Investment Advisory Agreement fee is based on a percentage of the investable assets according to the following schedule:

1.00% on the first \$<u>3,000,000;</u>

0.75% on the next \$<u>2,000,000</u> (from <u>3,000,001</u> to <u>5,000,000</u>); and _Negotiable on the assets above <u>\$5,000,000</u>.

The minimum annual fee is \$5,000.00 and is *NEGOTIABLE*. Current client relationships may exist where the fees are higher or lower than the fee schedule above.

Although the Investment Advisory Agreement is an ongoing agreement and constant adjustments are required, the length of service to the client is at the client's discretion. The client or the investment manager may terminate an Agreement by written notice to the other party. At termination, fees will be billed on a pro rata basis for the portion of the quarter completed. The portfolio value at the completion of the prior full billing quarter is used as the basis for the fee computation, adjusted for the number of days during the billing quarter prior to termination.

Retainer Agreement

In some circumstances, a *Retainer Agreement* is executed in lieu of an Investment *Advisory Agreement* when it is more appropriate to work on a fixed-fee basis. The typical annual fee for a *Retainer Agreement* is \$5,000.00 and is *NEGOTIABLE*.

Hourly Planning Engagements

ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC provides hourly planning services for clients who need advice on a limited scope of work. The hourly rate for limited scope engagements is \$270.00.

Asset Management

Assets are invested primarily stocks, bonds and in no-load or low-load mutual funds and exchange-traded funds, usually through discount brokers or fund companies. Fund companies charge each fund shareholder an investment management fee that is disclosed in the fund prospectus. Discount brokerages may charge a transaction fee for the purchase of some funds.

The brokerage firm where the client account is held charges a fee for trades (purchase and sales) of stocks, bonds, certain mutual funds and exchange traded funds. ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC does not receive any compensation, in any form, from fund companies.

Investments may also include: equities (stocks), warrants, corporate debt securities, commercial paper, certificates of deposit, municipal securities, investment company securities (variable life insurance, variable annuities, and mutual funds shares), U. S. government securities, options contracts, futures contracts, and interests in partnerships.

Initial public offerings (IPOs) are not available through ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC.

Termination of Agreement

A Client may terminate any of the aforementioned agreements at any time by notifying ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC in writing and paying the rate for the time spent on the investment advisory engagement prior to notification of termination. If the client made an advance payment, ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC will refund any unearned portion of the advance payment.

ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC may terminate any of the aforementioned agreements at any time by notifying the client in writing. If the client made an advance payment, ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC will refund any unearned portion of the advance payment.

Fees and Compensation

Description

ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC bases its fees on a percentage of assets under management, hourly charges, fixed fees, other *(retainer fees)*.

Some *Retainer Agreements* may be priced based on the complexity of work, especially when asset management is not the most significant part of the relationship.

Financial plans are priced according to the degree of complexity associated with the client's situation.

Fees are NEGOTIABLE.

Fee Billing

Investment management fees are billed quarterly, in *ADVANCE*, meaning that we invoice you *BEFORE* the three-month billing period has *ENDED*. Payment in full is expected upon invoice presentation. Fees are usually deducted from a designated client account to facilitate billing. The client must consent in advance to direct debiting of their investment account.

Other Fees

Custodians may charge transaction fees on purchases or sales of certain mutual funds and exchange-traded funds. These transaction charges are usually small and incidental to the purchase or sale of a security. The selection of the security is more important than the nominal fee that the custodian charges to buy or sell the security.

ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC, in its sole discretion, may waive its minimum fee and/or charge a lesser investment advisory fee based upon certain criteria (e.g., historical relationship, type of assets, anticipated future earning capacity, anticipated future additional assets, dollar amounts of assets to be managed, related accounts, account composition, negotiations with clients, etc.)

Third service providers By All Accounts and Asset Dedication that client wishes to use will charge a fee which will be disclosed to clients choosing to use such service.

Expense Ratios

Mutual funds generally charge a management fee for their services as investment managers. The management fee is called an expense ratio. For example, an expense ratio of 0.50 means that the mutual fund company charges 0.5% for their services. These fees are in addition to the fees paid by you to ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC.

Performance figures quoted by mutual fund companies in various publications are <u>after</u> their fees have been deducted.

Past Due Accounts and Termination of Agreement

ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC reserves the right to stop work on any account that is more than 30 days overdue. In addition, ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC reserves the right to terminate any financial planning engagement where a client has willfully concealed or has refused to provide pertinent information about financial situations when necessary and appropriate, in ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC's judgment, to providing proper financial advice. Any unused portion of fees collected in advance will be refunded within 60 days.

Performance-Based Fees

Sharing of Capital Gains

Fees are <u>not</u> based on a share of the capital gains or capital appreciation of managed securities.

ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC does not use a performance-based fee structure because of the potential conflict of interest. Performance-based compensation may create an incentive for the adviser to recommend an investment that may carry a higher degree of risk to the client.

Types of Clients

Description

ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC generally provides investment advice to individuals, banks or thrift institutions, investment companies, pension and profit sharing plans, trusts, estates, or charitable organizations, corporations or business entities.

Client relationships vary in scope and length of service.

Account Minimums

For new accounts, the minimum account size is \$500,000.00 of assets under management, which equates to an annual fee of \$5,000.00.

When an account falls below \$500,000.00 in value, the minimum annual fee of \$5,000.00 is charged. Depending upon circumstances, ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC will sign an *Hourly Agreement* with the client if assets have diminished significantly below \$500,000.00.

ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC has the discretion to waive the account minimum. Accounts of less than \$500,000.00 may be set up when the client and the advisor anticipate the client will add additional funds to the accounts bringing the total to \$500,000.00 within a reasonable time. Other

exceptions will apply to employees of ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC and their relatives, or relatives of existing clients.

Clients receiving ongoing asset management services will be assessed a \$5,000.00 minimum annual fee. Clients with assets below the minimum account size may pay a higher percentage rate on their annual fees than the fees paid by clients with greater assets under management.

Methods of Analysis, Investment Strategies and Risk of Loss

Methods of Analysis

The main sources of information include research materials prepared by others, investment trade publications, inspections of corporate activities, financial newspapers, annual reports, prospectuses, filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and company press releases.

ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC also uses Morningstar Principia Complete (which provides information for stocks, ETFs, mutual funds and annuities), Morningstar Advisor, Charles Schwab & Company's Online Institutional Research, TDA Online Institutional Research, Barrons, Value Line, Independent Advisor Inside Information, and the other various sources.

Security analysis methods may include charting fundamental analysis, technical analysis, cyclical analysis and charting.

Investment Strategies

The primary investment strategy used on client accounts is strategic asset allocation utilizing stocks and bonds coupled with passively-managed index and exchange-traded funds, and then add actively-managed funds where there are greater opportunities to make a difference. Portfolios are globally diversified to control the risk associated with traditional markets

The investment strategy for a specific client is based upon the objectives stated by the client during consultations. The client may change these objectives at any time. Each client executes an Investment Objectives Statement that documents his or her risk tolerances and investment objectives.

Other strategies may include long-term purchases, short-term purchases, trading, short sales, margin transactions, and option writing (including covered options, uncovered options or spreading strategies).

Risk of Loss

All investment programs have certain risks that are borne by the investor. Our investment approach constantly keeps the risk of loss in mind. Investors face the following investment risks:

- Interest-rate Risk: Fluctuations in interest rates may cause investment prices to fluctuate. For example, when interest rates rise, yields on existing bonds become less attractive, causing their market values to decline.
- Market Risk: The price of a security, bond, or mutual fund may drop in reaction to tangible and intangible events and conditions. This type of risk is caused by external factors independent of a security's particular underlying circumstances. For example, political, economic and social conditions may trigger market events.
- Inflation Risk: When any type of inflation is present, a dollar today will not buy as much as a dollar next year, because purchasing power is eroding at the rate of inflation.
- Currency Risk: Overseas investments are subject to fluctuations in the value of the dollar against the currency of the country where the investment is located. This is also referred to as exchange rate risk.
- Reinvestment Risk: This is the risk that future proceeds from investments may have to be reinvested at a potentially lower rate of return (i.e. interest rate). This primarily relates to fixed income securities.
- Business Risk: These risks are associated with a particular industry or a particular company within an industry. For example, oil-drilling companies depend on finding oil and then refining it which is a lengthy process (before they can generate a profit). Such oil ventures carry a higher risk of profitability than an electric company, which generates its income from a steady stream of customers who buy electricity no matter what the economic environment is like.
- Liquidity Risk: Liquidity is the ability to readily convert an investment into cash. Generally, assets are more liquid if many traders are interested in a standardized product. For example, Treasury Bills are highly liquid, while real estate properties are not.
- Financial Risk: Excessive borrowing to finance the operations of a business increases the risk of profitability, because the company must meet the terms of its obligations in good times and bad. During periods of financial stress, the inability to meet loan obligations may result in bankruptcy and/or a declining market value.

Disciplinary Information

Legal and Disciplinary

The firm and its employees have not been involved in legal or disciplinary events related to past or present investment clients.

Financial Industry Activities

ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC is registered as an investment advisor.

Affiliations

ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC does not have arrangements that are material to its advisory or its clients with a related person who is a broker-dealer, investment company, other investment advisor, financial planning firm, commodity pool operator, commodity trading adviser or futures commission merchant, banking or thrift institution, accounting firm, law firm, insurance company or agency, pension consultant, real estate broker or dealer, or an entity that creates or packages limited partnerships *(name each as applicable)*.

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

Code of Ethics

The employees of ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC have committed to a Code of Ethics that is available for review by clients and prospective clients upon request. The firm will provide a copy of the Code of Ethics to any client or prospective client upon request.

Participation or Interest in Client Transactions

ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC and its employees may buy or sell securities that are also held by clients. Employees may not trade their own securities ahead of client trades. Employees comply with the provisions of the ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC *Compliance Manual*.

Personal Trading

The Chief Compliance Officer of ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC is Kevin P. Scullion. He reviews all employee trades each quarter. His trades are reviewed by Roberta Ferguson. The personal trading reviews ensure that the personal trading of employees does not affect the markets, and that clients of the firm receive preferential treatment. Since most employee trades are small mutual fund trades or exchange-traded fund trades, the trades do not affect the securities markets.

Selecting Brokerage Firms

ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC does not have any affiliation with product sales firms. Specific custodian recommendations are made to Clients based on their need for such services. ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC recommends custodians based on the proven integrity and financial responsibility of the firm and the best execution of orders at reasonable commission rates.

ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC recommends discount brokerage firms and trust companies (qualified custodians), such as Charles Schwab & Co., Inc., and TD Ameritrade. ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC DOES NOT receive fees or commissions from any of these arrangements.

Best Execution

ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC reviews the execution of trades at each custodian each year. The review is documented in the ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC. Trading fees charged by the custodians are also reviewed on an annual basis. ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC does not receive any portion of the trading fees.

Soft Dollars

ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC has no soft dollar arrangements.

Order Aggregation

Most trades are mutual funds or exchange-traded funds where trade aggregation does not garner any client benefit.

Review of Accounts

Periodic Reviews

Account reviews are performed quarterly by advisors Roberta Ferguson and Kevin Scullion. Account reviews are performed more frequently when market conditions dictate.

Review Triggers

Other conditions that may trigger a review are changes in the tax laws, new investment information, and changes in a client's own situation.

Regular Reports

Account reviewers are members of the firm's Investment Committee. They are instructed to consider the client's current security positions and the likelihood that the performance of each security will contribute to the investment objectives of the client.

Clients receive periodic communications. *Financial Planning Agreement* clients, *Investment Management* clients, and *Retainer Agreement* clients receive written updates. Investment Management clients will receive quarterly updates which will include an appraisal report and billing invoice. The written updates may include a portfolio statement and other reports that the client may request from time to time.

Client Referrals and Other Compensation

Incoming Referrals

ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC has been fortunate to receive many client referrals over the years. The referrals came from current clients, estate planning attorneys, accountants, employees, personal friends of employees and other similar sources. The firm does not compensate referring parties for these referrals.

Referrals Out

ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC does not accept referral fees or any form of remuneration from other professionals when a prospect or client is referred to them.

Other Compensation

Officers of ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC may perform services, from time to time, for Firm clients and other non Firm clients as requested. These services may be provided in capacities other than as officers of the Firm.

Custody

Account Statements

All assets are held at qualified custodians, which means the custodians provide account statements directly to clients at their address of record at least quarterly.

Performance Reports

Clients are urged to compare the account statements received directly from their custodians to the performance report statements What is a performance report? Aren't we providing appraisals as compared to performance reports? provided by ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC.

Investment Discretion

Discretionary Authority for Trading

ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC accepts discretionary authority to manage securities accounts on behalf of clients. ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC has the authority to determine, without obtaining specific client consent, the securities to be bought or sold, and the amount of the securities to be bought or sold. However, ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC consults with the client prior to each trade to obtain concurrence if a blanket trading authorization has not been given.

The client approves the custodian to be used and the commission rates paid to the custodian. ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC does not receive any portion of the transaction fees or commissions paid by the client to the custodian on certain trades.

Discretionary trading authority facilitates placing trades in your accounts on your behalf so that we may promptly implement the investment policy that you have approved in writing.

Limited Power of Attorney

A limited power of attorney is a trading authorization for this purpose. The client signs a limited power of attorney so that we may execute the trades that you have approved.

Voting Client Securities

Proxy Votes

ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC does not vote proxies on securities. Clients are expected to vote their own proxies.

When assistance on voting proxies is requested, ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC will provide recommendations to the Client. If a conflict of interest exists, it will be disclosed to the Client.

Financial Condition

ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC does not have any financial impairment that will preclude the firm from meeting contractual commitments to clients.

A balance sheet is not required to be provided because ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC does not serve as a custodian for client funds or securities, and does not require prepayment of fees of more than \$1,200 per client, and six months or more in advance.

Business Continuity Plan

General

ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC has a Business Continuity Plan in place that provides detailed steps to mitigate and recover from the loss of office space, communications, services or key people.

Disasters

The Business Continuity Plan covers natural disasters such as snow storms, hurricanes, tornados, and flooding. The Plan covers man-made disasters such as loss of electrical power, loss of water pressure, fire, bomb threat, nuclear emergency, chemical event, biological event, T-1 communications line outage, Internet outage, railway accident and aircraft accident. Electronic files are backed up daily and archived offsite.

Alternate Offices

Alternate offices are identified to support ongoing operations in the event the main office is unavailable. It is our intention to contact all clients within five days of a disaster that dictates moving our office to an alternate location.

Information Security Program

Information Security

ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC maintains an information security program to reduce the risk that your personal and confidential information may be breached. Client information is kept in locked offices and on secure servers. Our Lake Bluff Office is protected by a security system.

Privacy Notice

ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC is committed to maintaining the confidentiality, integrity and security of the personal information that is entrusted to us.

The categories of nonpublic information that we collect from you may include information about your personal finances, information about your health to the extent that it is needed for the financial planning process, information about transactions between you and third parties, and information from consumer reporting agencies, e.g., credit reports. We use this information to help you meet your personal financial goals.

With your permission, we disclose limited information to attorneys, accountants, and mortgage lenders with whom you have established a relationship. You may opt out from our sharing information with these nonaffiliated third parties by notifying us at any time by telephone, mail, fax, email, or in person. With your permission, we share a limited amount of information about you with your brokerage firm in order to execute securities transactions on your behalf.

We maintain a secure office to ensure that your information is not placed at unreasonable risk. We employ a firewall barrier, secure data encryption techniques and authentication procedures in our computer environment.

We do not provide your personal information to mailing list vendors or solicitors. We require strict confidentiality in our agreements with unaffiliated third parties that require access to your personal information, including financial service companies, consultants, and auditors. Federal and state securities regulators may review our Company records and your personal records as permitted by law.

Personally identifiable information about you will be maintained while you are a client, and for the required period thereafter that records are required to be maintained by federal and state securities laws. After that time, information may be destroyed.

We will notify you in advance if our privacy policy is expected to change. We are required by law to deliver this *Privacy Notice* to you annually, in writing.

Education and Business Standards

ABERDEEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC requires that advisors in its employ have a bachelor's degree and further coursework demonstrating knowledge of financial planning and tax planning. Examples of acceptable coursework include: an MBA, JD, LL.M., CPA, a CFP®, or a CFA. Additionally, advisors must have work experience that demonstrates their aptitude for financial planning and investment management.

Professional Certifications

Employees have earned certifications and credentials that are required to be explained in further detail.

Master in Business Administration (MBA): MBA requirements:

- _ Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
- _ Successful Completion of two year academic program.

<u>Juris Doctor (JD)</u>: Attorneys are licensed by the state. JD requirements:

- _ Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
- _ Successful Completion of a three year academic program.
- _ Successfully pass a background check, an oral ethics exam and pass a written bar examination to practice law in the state of licensing.

Masters of Legal Letters (LLM): LLM requirements:

- _ Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
- _ Law Degree from an accredited law school
- _ Successful Completion of the one-year to two-year program of academic course work in a particular subject matter discipline (i.e. tax, admiralty, etc).

<u>Certified Public Accountant (CPA)</u>: Certified Public Accountants are licensed by the state. CPA certification requirements:

- _ Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
- _ Successful Completion of the CPA Examination.
- _ One-year qualifying full-time work experience in a CPA Firm.
- _ Successfully pass a background check.

<u>Certified Financial Planner (CFP)</u>: Certified Financial Planners are licensed by the CFP Board to use the CFP mark. CFP certification requirements:

Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.

- Completion of the financial planning education requirements set by the CFP Board (<u>www.cfp.net</u>).
- _ Successful completion of the 10-hour CFP® Certification Exam.
- _ Three-year qualifying full-time work experience.
- _ Successfully pass the Candidate Fitness Standards and background check.

<u>Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA)</u>: Chartered Financial Analysts are licensed by the CFA Institute to use the CFA mark. CFA certification requirements:

- Hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution or have equivalent education or work experience.
- _ Successful completion of all three exam levels of the CFA Program.
- Have 48 months of acceptable professional work experience in the investment decision-making process.
- Fulfill society requirements, which vary by society. Unless you are upgrading from affiliate membership, all societies require two sponsor statements as part of each application; these are submitted online by your sponsors.
- Agree to adhere to and sign the Member's Agreement, a <u>Professional</u> <u>Conduct Statement</u>, and any additional documentation requested by CFA Institute.

ROBERTA B. FERGUSON, CERTIFICATIONS

Educational Background:

- _ Date of birth: May 11, 1954
- Institutions: Williams College; Wheaton College, A.B., 1976; University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business, M.B.A., 1980.

Business Experience:

- _ IDS, research analyst, (1980 1982)
- _ First National Bank of Chicago, investment officer trust department,
- (1982 1983)
 Optimum Investment Advisors and predecessor advisory firms, partner (1983 2000)
- _ Aberdeen Wealth Management LLC investment advisory firm, managing member and co-founder (2000 present)

Disciplinary Information: None

Other Business Activities: Chartered Financial Analyst (1984) and Certified Financial Planner (1984)

Additional Compensation: None

Supervision:

Tara Crumpler, Mylen Kimura, Rebecca Ferguson and Philip Haebler are supervised by Roberta Ferguson. She reviews the foregoing employees' work through frequent office interactions as well as remote interactions.

Supervision: Review Chief Compliance Officer for the Firm with respect to personal trading activities.

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KEVIN P. SCULLION, CERTIFICATIONS

Educational Background:

- _ Date of birth: June 9, 1952
- Institutions: Purdue University; Northwestern University, B.A. 1974;
 DePaul University College of Law, J.D. 1977; Tulane University
 School of Law; University of Chicago, M.B.A., 1979; DePaul University
 College of Law, LL.M. (Tax), 1985

Business Experience:

- _ Quinn Jacobs and Barry law firm, associate (1979 1983)
- Price Waterhouse accounting firm, tax manager (1983 1986)
- _ Optimum Investment Advisors and predecessor advisory firms, partner (1986 2000)
- _ Aberdeen Wealth Management LLC investment advisory firm, managing member and co-founder (2000 present)

Disciplinary Information: None

Other Business Activities: Licensed Attorney at Law (Illinois, Indiana, Florida, and Washington, D.C.), Series 65 Investment Advisor License and Licensed CPA (Illinois)

Additional Compensation: Varies based on request of service from Firm clients and others.

Supervision: Acts as Chief Compliance Officer for the Firm

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