

# Audible Wealth Management LLC Firm Brochure - Form ADV Part 2A

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*Registration as an investment adviser does not imply a certain level of skill or training.*

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## Item 2: Material Changes

Audible Wealth Management LLC has the following material changes to report. Material changes relate to Audible Wealth Management LLC's policies, practices or conflicts of interests.

- Audible Wealth Management LLC has updated its office address (Cover Page).
- Audible Wealth Management LLC has added Pontera services (Items 4 & 5)

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## Item 4: Advisory Business

### A. Description of the Advisory Firm

Audible Wealth Management LLC (hereinafter "AWM") is a Limited Liability Company organized in the State of Maryland. The firm was formed in June 2022 and became registered as an investment adviser in May 2023. The principal owner is Isiah Williams.

### B. Types of Advisory Services

#### *Financial Planning*

Financial plans and financial planning may include, but are not limited to: investment planning; life insurance; tax concerns; retirement planning; college planning; and debt/credit planning. AWM takes an initial factfinder meeting with the prospect to uncover details about the household and collect critical data. Next, AWM will produce a financial strategies or game plan to accommodate the prospect's goal with professional recommendations and tips. When necessary, a proposal may include managing liquid assets, issuing an insurance policy, executing retirement plans, assisting with bill pay services, etc. is delivered to the prospect after the initial fact finder. If accepted, AWM will conduct quarterly client review sessions to track goals and monitor life events to ensure client success. AWM uses third party software such as Mint to conduct bill pay service without taking custody of client funds.

In offering financial planning, a conflict exists between the interests of the investment adviser and the interests of the client. The client is under no obligation to act upon the investment adviser's recommendation, and, if the client elects to act on any of the recommendations, the client is under no obligation to effect the transaction through the investment adviser. This statement is required by California Code of Regulations, 10 CCR Section 260.235.2.

#### *Educational Seminars/Trainings*

AWM provides educational seminars and trainings. Education seminars and trainings are general in nature and can include such as life insurance; tax concerns and changes; retirement; college planning; and debt/credit planning. This is a onetime service and is offered free of charge.

#### *Bill Pay Services*

AWM provides bill pay services to clients based on the client's situation. Bill pay services will be a feature provided to clients who request assistance with common bills such as phone bill, electricity, auto insurance, etc. AWM will use third party software (Mint, Quickbooks, Paytrust, etc.) that the clients agree to utilize in order to perform bill pay

services. AWM will NOT custody any assets or funds. AWM will NOT have access to checks or online bank accounts. AWM confirms outstanding invoices and upcoming bills with the client. Once confirmed, clients are tasked with connecting online invoices to third party software. Clients do NOT share third party account access credentials with AWM. AWM does NOT have access to client's third party accounts.

### ***Pontera Services***

AWM is adding a third party software to manage held away assets for clients. Pontera Solutions Inc. delivers a secure and seamless platform for financial advisors to manage 401(k) and other held away accounts without taking custody. Pontera's platform allow client accounts to be managed in the current employer-sponsored plans, without the need for advisors to obtain login credentials or anything else that constitutes as custody. Pontera helps advisors stay in compliance with regulations that protect their clients, particularly in the realms of account custody, supervision, and level-fee billing. The platform never shares client login credentials and purposefully prohibits client account access, disbursements, transfers, and beneficiary changes. Pontera's supervision module annotates all advisor account reviews and rebalances, creating a clear, downloadable audit trail of activities. Finally, when it comes to IRA rollovers, clients can be rest assured decisions are made in their best interest now that their advisor has the ability to provide the same level of service, in plan (removing potential conflict of interest as outlined in DOL.

### ***Services Limited to Specific Types of Investments***

AWM generally limits its investment advice to mutual funds, fixed income securities, insurance products including annuities, equities, ETFs, treasury inflation protected/inflation linked bonds, non-U.S. securities, venture capital funds and private placements. AWM may use other securities as well to help diversify a portfolio when applicable.

### ***Written Acknowledgement of Fiduciary Status***

When we provide investment advice to you regarding your retirement plan account or individual retirement account, we are fiduciaries 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. The way we make money creates some conflicts with your interests, so we operate under a special rule that requires us to act in your best interest and not put our interest ahead of yours. Under this special rule's provisions, we must:

- Meet a professional standard of care when making investment recommendations (give prudent advice);
- Never put our financial interests ahead of yours when making recommendations (give loyal advice);
- Avoid misleading statements about conflicts of interest, fees, and investments;

- Follow policies and procedures designed to ensure that we give advice that is in your best interest;
- Charge no more than is reasonable for our services; and
- Give you basic information about conflicts of interest.

### C. Client Tailored Services and Client Imposed Restrictions

AWM offers the same suite of services to all of its clients. However, specific client investment strategies and their implementation are dependent upon the client Investment Policy Statement which outlines each client’s current situation (income, tax levels, and risk tolerance levels). Clients may impose restrictions in investing in certain securities or types of securities in accordance with their values or beliefs. However, if the restrictions prevent AWM from properly servicing the client account, or if the restrictions would require AWM to deviate from its standard suite of services, AWM reserves the right to end the relationship.

### D. Wrap Fee Programs

AWM acts as portfolio manager for and sponsor of a wrap fee program, which is an investment program where the client pays one stated fee that includes management fees, transaction costs, and certain other administrative fees. However, this brochure describes AWM’s non-wrap fee advisory services; clients utilizing AWM’s wrap fee portfolio management should see AWM’s separate Wrap Fee Program Brochure. AWM manages the investments in the wrap fee program but does not manage those wrap fee accounts any differently than it would manage non-wrap fee accounts. AWM receives the advisory fee set forth in AWM’s separate Wrap Fee Program Brochure as a management fee under the wrap fee program.

### E. Assets Under Management

AWM has the following assets under management:

Discretionary Amounts:	Non-discretionary Amounts:	Date Calculated:
\$ 10,000,000	\$0	May 2024

## Item 5: Fees and Compensation

Lower fees for comparable services may be available from other sources.

## A. Fee Schedule

### *Financial Planning Fees*

The negotiated fixed annual rate for creating client financial plans is between \$300 and \$12,000. The total fixed fee will be paid monthly throughout the year.

Clients may terminate the agreement without penalty, for full refund of AWM's fees, within five business days of signing the Financial Planning Agreement. Thereafter, clients may terminate the Financial Planning Agreement generally upon written notice.

### *Portfolio Management*

Audible Wealth Management LLC (hereinafter "AWM") provides portfolio management to clients under this wrap fee program as sponsor and portfolio manager.

Total Assets Under Management	Annual Fee
\$10,000 - \$100,000	2.00%
\$100,001 - \$500,000	1.50%
\$500,001 - \$800,000	1.25%
\$800,001 - \$1,000,000	1.00%
\$1,000,001 - \$2,000,000	0.80%
\$2,000,001 - \$5,000,000	0.70%
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	0.60%
\$10,000,001 - AND UP	0.50%

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These fees are generally negotiable, and the final fee schedule will be memorialized in the client's advisory agreement. With reasonable cause, either Client or Financial Advisor may terminate this Agreement, effective immediately upon giving written notice. Reasonable cause includes: A material violation of this Agreement; Any act exposing the other party to liability to others for personal injury or property damage; or Either party terminating this Agreement at any time by giving \_\_\_\_ days' written notice to the other party of the intent to terminate.

Portfolio management fees are withdrawn directly from the client's accounts with client's written authorization on a monthly basis.

For fees deducted directly from client accounts, in states that require it, AWM will use the safeguards below:

1. AWM will have written authorization from the client to deduct advisory fees from the account held with a qualified custodian.
2. The custodian will send statements, at least quarterly, to the client showing all disbursements for the custodian account, including the amount of the advisory fees.
3. Each time a fee is deducted AWM will send the qualified custodian notice of the amount of the fee to be deducted and will also send the client an invoice itemizing the fee including the formula used to calculate the fee, the amount of assets under management upon which the fee is based, and the period covered by the fee.

Clients will also receive statements from AWM and are urged to compare the account statements they received from custodian with those they received from AWM.

Financial Advisor shall be responsible for expenses incurred while performing Services under this Agreement. This includes car leases, insurance premiums, auto maintenance, and fuel expenses; vehicle maintenance and repair costs; vehicle and other license fees and permits; insurance premiums; road, fuel, and other taxes; fines; phone, web service, software expenses; meals; and all salary, expenses, and other compensation paid to employees or contract personnel the Financial Advisor hires to complete the work under this Agreement.

Upon request for specialty travel, the Client shall reimburse the Financial Advisor within thirty (30) days after receipt of an itemized statement. Specialty travel includes, but is not limited to, draft appearances, contract negotiations, business meetings, grand openings, and other business-related events. Upon request by the Client, the Financial Advisor may have to show receipt(s) or proof(s) of purchase for said expense.

### ***Bill Pay Services Fees***

The negotiated fixed fee for bill pay services is between \$100 and \$500 per month. Flat fee of \$250 monthly for Bill Pay services.

Clients may terminate the agreement without penalty, for full refund of AWM's fees, within five business days of signing the Agreement. Thereafter, clients may terminate the Agreement generally upon written notice.

## **B. Payment of Fees**

### ***Payment of Financial Planning Fees***

Financial planning fees are paid via ACH, check, or through a secure third-party credit card system. Fees are paid monthly in arrears.

Payment of Portfolio Management Fees



Portfolio management fees are withdrawn directly from the client's accounts with client's written authorization on a monthly basis. This includes the fee for Pontera services.

### ***Payment of Bill Pay Services Fees***

Bill pay service fees are paid via ACH, check, or through a secure third-party credit card system. Fees are paid monthly in arrears.

## **C. Client Responsibility For Third Party Fees**

For non-wrap services, clients are responsible for the payment of all third party fees (i.e. custodian fees, brokerage fees, mutual fund fees, transaction fees, etc.). Those fees are separate and distinct from the fees and expenses charged by AWM. Please see Item 12 of this brochure regarding broker-dealer/custodian.

## **D. Prepayment of Fees**

AWM will collect portfolio management fees in advance and financial planning and bill pay fees in arrears. .

## **E. Outside Compensation For the Sale of Securities to Clients**

Isiah John Williams in his outside business activities (see Item 10 below) is licensed to accept compensation for the sale of investment products to AWM clients. This presents a conflict of interest and gives the supervised person an incentive to recommend products based on the compensation received rather than on the client's needs. When recommending the sale of securities or investment products for which the supervised persons receives compensation, AWM will document the conflict of interest in the client file and inform the client of the conflict of interest. Clients always have the right to decide whether to purchase AWM-recommended products and, if purchasing, have the right to purchase those products through other brokers or agents that are not affiliated with AWM.

Commissions are not AWM's primary source of compensation for advisory services. Advisory fees that are charged to clients are not reduced to offset the commissions or markups on securities or investment products recommended to clients. Compensation is by fixed fees and a percentage of assets under management.

## Item 6: Performance-Based Fees and Side-By-Side Management

AWM does not accept performance-based fees or other fees based on a share of capital gains on or capital appreciation of the assets of a client. AWM does not engage in side-by-side management.

## Item 7: Types of Clients

AWM generally provides advisory services to the following types of clients:

- ❖ Individuals
- ❖ High-Net-Worth Individuals
- ❖ Business Development
- ❖ Athletes & Entertainers
- ❖ Individuals & Families
- ❖ Small Businesses
- ❖ Non-Profits, Seniors & Retirees
- ❖ Pension and Profit-Sharing Plans

There is an account minimum of \$10,000, which may be waived by AWM in its discretion.

## Item 8: Methods of Analysis, Investment Strategies, & Risk of Loss

### A. Methods of Analysis and Investment Strategies

#### *Methods of Analysis*

AWM's methods of analysis include Charting analysis, Cyclical analysis, Fundamental analysis, Modern portfolio theory, Quantitative analysis and Technical analysis.

**Charting analysis** involves the use of patterns in performance charts. AWM uses this technique to search for patterns used to help predict favorable conditions for buying and/or selling a security.

**Cyclical analysis** involves the analysis of business cycles to find favorable conditions for buying and/or selling a security.

**Fundamental analysis** involves the analysis of financial statements, the general financial health of companies, and/or the analysis of management or competitive advantages.

**Modern portfolio theory** is a theory of investment that attempts to maximize portfolio expected return for a given amount of portfolio risk, or equivalently minimize risk for a given level of expected return, each by carefully choosing the proportions of various asset.

**Quantitative analysis** deals with measurable factors as distinguished from qualitative considerations such as the character of management or the state of employee morale, such as the value of assets, the cost of capital, historical projections of sales, and so on.

**Technical analysis** involves the analysis of past market data; primarily price and volume.

### *Investment Strategies*

AWM uses long term trading, short term trading, margin transactions and options trading (including covered options, uncovered options, or spreading strategies).

**Investing in securities involves a risk of loss that you, as a client, should be prepared to bear.**

## **B. Material Risks Involved**

### *Methods of Analysis*

**Charting analysis** strategy involves using and comparing various charts to predict long and short term performance or market trends. The risk involved in using this method is that only past performance data is considered without using other methods to crosscheck data. Using charting analysis without other methods of analysis would be making the assumption that past performance will be indicative of future performance. This may not be the case.

**Cyclical analysis** assumes that the markets react in cyclical patterns which, once identified, can be leveraged to provide performance. The risks with this strategy are two-fold: 1) the markets do not always repeat cyclical patterns; and 2) if too many investors begin to implement this strategy, then it changes the very cycles these investors are trying to exploit.

**Fundamental analysis** concentrates on factors that determine a company's value and expected future earnings. This strategy would normally encourage equity purchases in stocks that are undervalued or priced below their perceived value. The risk assumed is that the market will fail to reach expectations of perceived value.

**Modern portfolio theory** assumes that investors are risk averse, meaning that given two portfolios that offer the same expected return, investors will prefer the less risky one. Thus, an investor will take on increased risk only if compensated by higher expected returns. Conversely, an investor who wants higher expected returns must accept more risk. The exact trade-off will be the same for all investors, but different investors will evaluate the trade-off differently based on individual risk aversion characteristics. The

implication is that a rational investor will not invest in a portfolio if a second portfolio exists with a more favorable risk-expected return profile – i.e., if for that level of risk an alternative portfolio exists which has better expected returns.

**Quantitative analysis** Investment strategies using quantitative models may perform differently than expected as a result of, among other things, the factors used in the models, the weight placed on each factor, changes from the factors' historical trends, and technical issues in the construction and implementation of the models.

**Technical analysis** attempts to predict a future stock price or direction based on market trends. The assumption is that the market follows discernible patterns and if these patterns can be identified then a prediction can be made. The risk is that markets do not always follow patterns and relying solely on this method may not take into account new patterns that emerge over time.

### ***Investment Strategies***

AWM's use of margin transactions and options trading generally holds greater risk, and clients should be aware that there is a material risk of loss using any of those strategies.

**Long term trading** is designed to capture market rates of both return and risk. Due to its nature, the long-term investment strategy can expose clients to various types of risk that will typically surface at various intervals during the time the client owns the investments. These risks include but are not limited to inflation (purchasing power) risk, interest rate risk, economic risk, market risk, and political/regulatory risk.

**Margin transactions** use leverage that is borrowed from a brokerage firm as collateral. When losses occur, the value of the margin account may fall below the brokerage firm's threshold thereby triggering a margin call. This may force the account holder to either allocate more funds to the account or sell assets on a shorter time frame than desired.

**Options transactions** involve a contract to purchase a security at a given price, not necessarily at market value, depending on the market. This strategy includes the risk that an option may expire out of the money resulting in minimal or no value, as well as the possibility of leveraged loss of trading capital due to the leveraged nature of stock options.

**Short term trading** risks include liquidity, economic stability, and inflation, in addition to the long term trading risks listed above. Frequent trading can affect investment performance, particularly through increased brokerage and other transaction costs and taxes.

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## C. Risks of Specific Securities Utilized

AWM's use of margin transactions and options trading generally holds greater risk of capital loss. Clients should be aware that there is a material risk of loss using any investment strategy. The investment types listed below (leaving aside Treasury Inflation Protected/Inflation Linked Bonds) are not guaranteed or insured by the FDIC or any other government agency.

**Mutual Funds:** Investing in mutual funds carries the risk of capital loss and thus you may lose money investing in mutual funds. All mutual funds have costs that lower investment returns. The funds can be of bond "fixed income" nature (lower risk) or stock "equity" nature.

**Equity** investment generally refers to buying shares of stocks in return for receiving a future payment of dividends and/or capital gains if the value of the stock increases. The value of equity securities may fluctuate in response to specific situations for each company, industry conditions and the general economic environments.

**Fixed income** investments generally pay a return on a fixed schedule, though the amount of the payments can vary. This type of investment can include corporate and government debt securities, leveraged loans, high yield, and investment grade debt and structured products, such as mortgage and other asset-backed securities, although individual bonds may be the best known type of fixed income security. In general, the fixed income market is volatile and fixed income securities carry interest rate risk. (As interest rates rise, bond prices usually fall, and vice versa. This effect is usually more pronounced for longer-term securities.) Fixed income securities also carry inflation risk, liquidity risk, call risk, and credit and default risks for both issuers and counterparties. The risk of default on treasury inflation protected/inflation linked bonds is dependent upon the U.S. Treasury defaulting (extremely unlikely); however, they carry a potential risk of losing share price value, albeit rather minimal. Risks of investing in foreign fixed income securities also include the general risk of non-U.S. investing described below.

**Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs):** An ETF is an investment fund traded on stock exchanges, similar to stocks. Investing in ETFs carries the risk of capital loss (sometimes up to a 100% loss in the case of a stock holding bankruptcy). Areas of concern include the lack of transparency in products and increasing complexity, conflicts of interest and the possibility of inadequate regulatory compliance. Risks in investing in ETFs include trading risks, liquidity and shutdown risks, risks associated with a change in authorized participants and non-participation of authorized participants, risks that trading price differs from indicative net asset value (iNAV), or price fluctuation and disassociation from the index being tracked. With regard to trading risks, regular trading adds cost to your portfolio thus counteracting the low fees that one of the typical benefits of ETFs. Additionally, regular trading to beneficially "time the market" is difficult to achieve. Even paid fund managers struggle to do this every year, with the majority failing to beat the relevant indexes. With regard to liquidity and shutdown risks, not all ETFs have the same level of liquidity. Since ETFs are at least as liquid as their underlying assets, trading

conditions are more accurately reflected in implied liquidity rather than the average daily volume of the ETF itself. Implied liquidity is a measure of what can potentially be traded in ETFs based on its underlying assets. ETFs are subject to market volatility and the risks of their underlying securities, which may include the risks associated with investing in smaller companies, foreign securities, commodities, and fixed income investments (as applicable). Foreign securities in particular are subject to interest rate, currency exchange rate, economic, and political risks, all of which are magnified in emerging markets. ETFs that target a small universe of securities, such as a specific region or market sector, are generally subject to greater market volatility, as well as to the specific risks associated with that sector, region, or other focus. ETFs that use derivatives, leverage, or complex investment strategies are subject to additional risks. The return of an index ETF is usually different from that of the index it tracks because of fees, expenses, and tracking error. An ETF may trade at a premium or discount to its net asset value (NAV) (or indicative value in the case of exchange-traded notes). The degree of liquidity can vary significantly from one ETF to another and losses may be magnified if no liquid market exists for the ETF's shares when attempting to sell them. Each ETF has a unique risk profile, detailed in its prospectus, offering circular, or similar material, which should be considered carefully when making investment decisions.

**Annuities** are a retirement product for those who may have the ability to pay a premium now and want to guarantee they receive certain monthly payments or a return on investment later in the future. Annuities are contracts issued by a life insurance company designed to meet requirement or other long-term goals. An annuity is not a life insurance policy. Variable annuities are designed to be long-term investments, to meet retirement and other long-range goals. Variable annuities are not suitable for meeting short-term goals because substantial taxes and insurance company charges may apply if you withdraw your money early. Variable annuities also involve investment risks, just as mutual funds do.

**Private placements** carry a substantial risk as they are subject to less regulation than are publicly offered securities, the market to resell these assets under applicable securities laws may be illiquid, due to restrictions, and the liquidation may be taken at a substantial discount to the underlying value or result in the entire loss of the value of such assets.

**Venture capital funds** invest in start-up companies at an early stage of development in the interest of generating a return through an eventual realization event; the risk is high as a result of the uncertainty involved at that stage of development.

**Options** are contracts to purchase a security at a given price, risking that an option may expire out of the money resulting in minimal or no value. An uncovered option is a type of options contract that is not backed by an offsetting position that would help mitigate risk. The risk for a "naked" or uncovered put is not unlimited, whereas the potential loss for an uncovered call option is limitless. Spread option positions entail buying and selling multiple options on the same underlying security, but with different strike prices or expiration dates, which helps limit the risk of other option trading strategies. Option transactions also involve risks including but not limited to economic risk, market risk,

sector risk, idiosyncratic risk, political/regulatory risk, inflation (purchasing power) risk and interest rate risk.

**Non-U.S.** securities present certain risks such as currency fluctuation, political and economic change, social unrest, changes in government regulation, differences in accounting and the lesser degree of accurate public information available.

**Past performance is not indicative of future results. Investing in securities involves a risk of loss that you, as a client, should be prepared to bear.**

## **Item 9: Disciplinary Information**

### **A. Criminal or Civil Actions**

There are no criminal or civil actions to report.

### **B. Administrative Proceedings**

There are no administrative proceedings to report.

### **C. Self-regulatory Organization (SRO) Proceedings**

There are no self-regulatory organization proceedings to report.

## **Item 10: Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations**

### **A. Registration as a Broker/Dealer or Broker/Dealer Representative**

Neither AWM nor its representatives are registered as, or have pending applications to become, a broker/dealer or a representative of a broker/dealer.

### **B. Registration as a Futures Commission Merchant, Commodity Pool Operator, or a Commodity Trading Advisor**

Neither AWM nor its representatives are registered as or have pending applications to become either a Futures Commission Merchant, Commodity Pool Operator, or Commodity Trading Advisor or an associated person of the foregoing entities.

### **C. Registration Relationships Material to this Advisory Business and Possible Conflicts of Interests**

Isiah John Williams is an independent licensed insurance agent. This activity creates a conflict of interest since there is an incentive to recommend insurance products based on commissions or other benefits received from the insurance company, rather than on the client's needs. Additionally, the offer and sale of insurance products by supervised persons of AWM are not made in their capacity as a fiduciary, and products are limited to only those offered by certain insurance providers. AWM addresses this conflict of interest by requiring its supervised persons to act in the best interest of the client at all times, including when acting as an insurance agent. AWM periodically reviews recommendations by its supervised persons to assess whether they are based on an objective evaluation of each client's risk profile and investment objectives rather than on the receipt of any commissions or other benefits. AWM will disclose in advance how it or its supervised persons are compensated and will disclose conflicts of interest involving any advice or service provided. At no time will there be tying between business practices and/or services (a condition where a client or prospective client would be required to accept one product or service conditioned upon the selection of a second, distinctive tied product or service). No client is ever under any obligation to purchase any insurance product. Insurance products recommended by AWM's supervised persons may also be available from other providers on more favorable terms, and clients can purchase insurance products recommended through other unaffiliated insurance agencies.

All material conflicts of interest under California Code of Regulations Section 260.238(k) are disclosed regarding the investment adviser, its representatives or any of its employees, which could be reasonable expected to impair the rendering of unbiased and objective advice.

### **D. Selection of Other Advisers or Managers and How This Adviser is Compensated for Those Selections**

AWM does not utilize nor select third-party investment advisers.

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

### **A. Code of Ethics**

AWM has a written Code of Ethics that covers the following areas: Prohibited Purchases and Sales, Insider Trading, Personal Securities Transactions, Exempted Transactions, Prohibited Activities, Conflicts of Interest, Gifts and Entertainment, Confidentiality, Service on a Board of Directors, Compliance Procedures, Compliance with Laws and Regulations, Procedures and Reporting, Certification of Compliance, Reporting



Violations, Compliance Officer Duties, Training and Education, Recordkeeping, Annual Review, and Sanctions. AWM's Code of Ethics is available free upon request to any client or prospective client.

### **B. Recommendations Involving Material Financial Interests**

AWM does not recommend that clients buy or sell any security in which a related person to AWM or AWM has a material financial interest.

### **C. Investing Personal Money in the Same Securities as Clients**

From time to time, representatives of AWM may buy or sell securities for themselves that they also recommend to clients. This may provide an opportunity for representatives of AWM to buy or sell the same securities before or after recommending the same securities to clients resulting in representatives profiting off the recommendations they provide to clients. Such transactions may create a conflict of interest. AWM will always document any transactions that could be construed as conflicts of interest and will never engage in trading that operates to the client's disadvantage when similar securities are being bought or sold.

### **D. Trading Securities At/Around the Same Time as Clients' Securities**

From time to time, representatives of AWM may buy or sell securities for themselves at or around the same time as clients. This may provide an opportunity for representatives of AWM to buy or sell securities before or after recommending securities to clients resulting in representatives profiting off the recommendations they provide to clients. Such transactions may create a conflict of interest; however, AWM will never engage in trading that operates to the client's disadvantage if representatives of AWM buy or sell securities at or around the same time as clients.

## **Item 12: Brokerage Practices**

### **A. Factors Used to Select Custodians and/or Broker/Dealers**

Custodians/broker-dealers will be recommended based on AWM's duty to seek "best execution," which is the obligation to seek execution of securities transactions for a client on the most favorable terms for the client under the circumstances. Clients will not necessarily pay the lowest commission or commission equivalent, and AWM may also consider the market expertise and research access provided by the broker-dealer/custodian, including but not limited to access to written research, oral communication with analysts, admittance to research conferences and other resources provided by the brokers that may aid in AWM's research efforts. AWM will never charge

a premium or commission on transactions, beyond the actual cost imposed by the broker-dealer/custodian.

AWM will have an incentive to recommend a broker-dealer based on its interest in receiving the research or other products or services rather than on clients' interest in receiving most favorable execution.

AWM recommends Schwab Institutional, a division of Charles Schwab & Co., Inc..

### ***1. Research and Other Soft-Dollar Benefits***

While AWM has no formal soft dollars program in which soft dollars are used to pay for third party services, AWM may receive research, products, or other services from custodians and broker-dealers in connection with client securities transactions ("soft dollar benefits"). AWM may enter into soft-dollar arrangements consistent with (and not outside of) the safe harbor contained in Section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. There can be no assurance that any particular client will benefit from soft dollar research, whether or not the client's transactions paid for it, and AWM does not seek to allocate benefits to client accounts proportionate to any soft dollar credits generated by the accounts. AWM benefits by not having to produce or pay for the research, products or services, and AWM will have an incentive to recommend a broker-dealer based on receiving research or services. Clients should be aware that AWM's acceptance of soft dollar benefits may result in higher commissions charged to the client.

With respect to Schwab, AWM receives access to Schwab's institutional trading and custody services, which are typically not available to Schwab retail investors. These services generally are available to independent investment advisers on an unsolicited basis, at no charge to them so long as a total of at least \$10 million of the adviser's clients' assets are maintained in accounts at Schwab Advisor Services. Schwab's services include brokerage services that are related to the execution of securities transactions, custody, research, including that in the form of advice, analyses and reports, and access to mutual funds and other investments that are otherwise generally available only to institutional investors or would require a significantly higher minimum initial investment. For AWM client accounts maintained in its custody, Schwab generally does not charge separately for custody services but is compensated by account holders through commissions or other transaction-related or asset-based fees for securities trades that are executed through Schwab or that settle into Schwab accounts.

Schwab also makes available to AWM other products and services that benefit AWM but may not benefit its clients' accounts. These benefits may include national, regional or AWM specific educational events organized and/or sponsored by Schwab Advisor Services. Other potential benefits may include occasional business entertainment of personnel of AWM by Schwab Advisor Services personnel, including meals, invitations to sporting events, including golf tournaments, and other forms of entertainment, some of which may accompany educational opportunities. Other of

these products and services assist AWM in managing and administering clients' accounts. These include software and other technology (and related technological training) that provide access to client account data (such as trade confirmations and account statements), facilitate trade execution (and allocation of aggregated trade orders for multiple client accounts, if applicable), provide research, pricing information and other market data, facilitate payment of AWM's fees from its clients' accounts (if applicable), and assist with back-office training and support functions, recordkeeping and client reporting. Many of these services generally may be used to service all or some substantial number of AWM's accounts. Schwab Advisor Services also makes available to AWM other services intended to help AWM manage and further develop its business enterprise. These services may include professional compliance, legal and business consulting, publications and conferences on practice management, information technology, business succession, regulatory compliance, employee benefits providers, human capital consultants, insurance and marketing. In addition, Schwab may make available, arrange and/or pay vendors for these types of services rendered to AWM by independent third parties. Schwab Advisor Services may discount or waive fees it would otherwise charge for some of these services or pay all or a part of the fees of a third-party providing these services to AWM. AWM is independently owned and operated and not affiliated with Schwab.

## ***2. Brokerage for Client Referrals***

AWM receives no referrals from a broker-dealer or third party in exchange for using that broker-dealer or third party.

## ***3. Clients Directing Which Broker/Dealer/Custodian to Use***

AWM may permit clients to direct it to execute transactions through a specified broker-dealer. If a client directs brokerage, then the client will be required to acknowledge in writing that the client's direction with respect to the use of brokers supersedes any authority granted to AWM to select brokers; this direction may result in higher commissions, which may result in a disparity between free and directed accounts; the client may be unable to participate in block trades (unless AWM is able to engage in "step outs"); and trades for the client and other directed accounts may be executed after trades for free accounts, which may result in less favorable prices, particularly for illiquid securities or during volatile market conditions. Not all investment advisers allow their clients to direct brokerage.

## **B. Aggregating (Block) Trading for Multiple Client Accounts**

If AWM buys or sells the same securities on behalf of more than one client, then it may (but would be under no obligation to) aggregate or bunch such securities in a single transaction for multiple clients in order to seek more favorable prices, lower brokerage commissions, or more efficient execution. In such case, AWM would place an aggregate order with the broker on behalf of all such clients in order to ensure fairness for all clients; provided, however, that trades would be reviewed periodically to ensure that accounts

are not systematically disadvantaged by this policy. AWM would determine the appropriate number of shares and select the appropriate brokers consistent with its duty to seek best execution, except for those accounts with specific brokerage direction (if any).

## **Item 13: Review of Accounts**

### **A. Frequency and Nature of Periodic Reviews and Who Makes Those Reviews**

All financial planning accounts are reviewed upon financial plan creation and plan delivery by Isiah Williams, Managing Member.. Financial planning clients are provided a one-time financial plan concerning their financial situation. After the presentation of the plan, there are no further reports. Clients may request additional plans or reports for a fee.

### **B. Factors That Will Trigger a Non-Periodic Review of Client Accounts**

Reviews may be triggered by material market, economic or political events, or by changes in client's financial situations (such as retirement, termination of employment, physical move, or inheritance).

With respect to financial plans, AWM's services will generally conclude upon delivery of the financial plan.

### **C. Content and Frequency of Regular Reports Provided to Clients**

Each financial planning client will receive the financial plan upon completion.

## **Item 14: Client Referrals and Other Compensation**

### **A. Economic Benefits Provided by Third Parties for Advice Rendered to Clients (Includes Sales Awards or Other Prizes)**

Other than soft dollar benefits as described in Item 12 above, AWM does not receive any economic benefit, directly or indirectly from any third party for advice rendered to AWM's clients.

## **B. Compensation to Non - Advisory Personnel for Client Referrals**

AWM does not directly or indirectly compensate any person who is not advisory personnel for client referrals.

### **Item 15: Custody**

When advisory fees are deducted directly from client accounts at client's custodian, AWM will be deemed to have limited custody of client's assets and must have written authorization from the client to do so. Clients will receive all account statements and billing invoices that are required in each jurisdiction, and they should carefully review those statements for accuracy.

Clients are urged to compare the account statements from the custodian with the invoice received from AWM.

Custody is also disclosed in Form ADV because AWM has authority to transfer money from client account(s), which constitutes a standing letter of authorization (SLOA). Accordingly, AWM will follow the safeguards specified by the SEC and listed below rather than undergo an annual audit.

1. The client provides an instruction to the qualified custodian, in writing, that includes the client's signature, the third party's name, and either the third party's address or the third party's account number at a custodian to which the transfer should be directed.
2. The client authorizes the investment adviser, in writing, either on the qualified custodian's form or separately, to direct transfers to the third party either on a specified schedule or from time to time.
3. The client's qualified custodian performs appropriate verification of the instruction, such as a signature review or other method to verify the client's authorization, and provides a transfer of funds notice to the client promptly after each transfer.
4. The client has the ability to terminate or change the instruction to the client's qualified custodian.
5. The investment adviser has no authority or ability to designate or change the identity of the third party, the address, or any other information about the third party contained in the client's instruction.
6. The investment adviser maintains records showing that the third party is not a related party of the investment adviser or located at the same address as the investment adviser.
7. The client's qualified custodian sends the client, in writing, an initial notice confirming the instruction and an annual notice reconfirming the instruction.

When advisory fees are deducted directly from client accounts at client's custodian, AWM will be deemed to have limited custody of client's assets. Because client fees will be withdrawn directly from client accounts, in states that require it, AWM will:

- (A) Possess written authorization from the client to deduct advisory fees from an account held by a qualified custodian.

(B) Send the qualified custodian written notice of the amount of the fee to be deducted from the client's account and verify that the qualified custodian sends invoices to the client.

(C) Send the client a written invoice itemizing the fee upon or prior to fee deduction, including the formula used to calculate the fee, the time period covered by the fee and the amount of assets under management on which the fee was based.

Clients will receive all account statements and billing invoices that are required in each jurisdiction, and they should carefully review those statements for accuracy. Clients are urged to compare the account statements they received from custodian with those they received from AWM. This service may be offered free of charge by other advisers.

## **Item 16: Investment Discretion**

AWM provides discretionary and non-discretionary investment advisory services to clients. The advisory contract established with each client sets forth the discretionary authority for trading. Where investment discretion has been granted, AWM generally manages the client's account and makes investment decisions without consultation with the client as to when the securities are to be bought or sold for the account, the total amount of the securities to be bought/sold, what securities to buy or sell, or the price per share. Clients may, but typically do not, impose restrictions in investing in certain securities or types of securities in accordance with their values or beliefs.

## **Item 17: Voting Client Securities (Proxy Voting)**

AWM will not ask for, nor accept voting authority for client securities. Clients will receive proxies directly from the issuer of the security or the custodian. Clients should direct all proxy questions to the issuer of the security.

## **Item 18: Financial Information**

### **A. Balance Sheet**

AWM neither requires nor solicits prepayment of more than \$500 in fees per client, six months or more in advance, and therefore is not required to include a balance sheet with this brochure.

## **B. Financial Conditions Reasonably Likely to Impair Ability to Meet Contractual Commitments to Clients**

Neither AWM nor its management has any financial condition that is likely to reasonably impair AWM's ability to meet contractual commitments to clients.

## **C. Bankruptcy Petitions in Previous Ten Years**

AWM has not been the subject of a bankruptcy petition in the last ten years.

# **Item 19: Requirements For State Registered Advisers**

## **A. Principal Executive Officers and Management Persons; Their Formal Education and Business Background**

The education and business backgrounds of AWM's current management person, Isiah John Williams, can be found on the Form ADV Part 2B brochure supplements for the individual.

## **B. Other Businesses in Which This Advisory Firm or its Personnel are Engaged and Time Spent on Those (If Any)**

Other business activities for each relevant individual can be found on the Form ADV Part 2B brochure supplement for each such individual.

## **C. Calculation of Performance-Based Fees and Degree of Risk to Clients**

AWM does not accept performance-based fees or other fees based on a share of capital gains on or capital appreciation of the assets of a client.

## **D. Material Disciplinary Disclosures for Management Persons of this Firm**

There are no civil, self-regulatory organization, or arbitration proceedings to report under this section.

## **E. Material Relationships That Management Persons Have With Issuers of Securities (If Any)**

See Item 10.C and 11.B.