# Item 1: Cover Page for Part 2B of Form ADV: Brochure Supplement April 2023

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This brochure supplement provides information about Brian Douglass that supplements our brochure. You should have received a copy of that brochure. Please contact Mr. Douglass, Chief Compliance Officer, if you did not receive our firm's brochure or if you have any questions about the contents of this supplement.

Additional information about Brian Douglass is available on the SEC's website at <a href="https://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov">www.adviserinfo.sec.gov</a> by searching CRD # 1406770.

## **Item 2: Educational Background & Business Experience**

#### **Brian Douglass**

**Date of Birth:** 12/19/1963

### **Educational Background:**

- 1998 Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration Emphasis in Accounting; California State University, Fullerton
- 1996 Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics; University of California, Irvine

#### **Business Background:**

•	10/2016 - Present	Financial Advisors Network, Inc Chief Compliance Officer
•	10/2015 - Present	Financial Advisors Network, Inc Financial Advisor
•	12/2014 - Present	Financial Advisors Network, Inc. – Investment Advisor Rep
•	10/2014 - 12/2014	Financial Advisors Network, Inc Paraplanner
•	10/2016 - 03/2018	LPL Financial - Registered Principal & OSJ Delegate
•	10/2015 - 10/2016	LPL Financial - Registered Financial Advisor
•	02/2001 - 10/2014	Self-Employed – Independent Insurance Broker

## **Exams, Licenses & Other Professional Designations:**

- 03/2019 AIF® Accredited Investment Fiduciary
- 10/2016 Series 24 General Securities Principal Examination
- 08/2016 CFP® CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER<sup>TM</sup> PROFESSIONAL
- 09/2015 IRS Enrolled Agent (EA) Unlimited Tax Practice Rights with U.S. Treasury Department (Internal Revenue Service)
- 12/2014 Series 7 Registered Representative Examination
- 11/2014 Series 66 Uniform Combined State Law Examination
- 06/2014 California Insurance Licenses Property and Casualty
- 05/2010 California Insurance Licenses Life, Health, and Accident

#### **CFP® Professional - CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™:**

The CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™, CFP® and federally registered CFP marks are professional certification marks granted in the United States by Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc. ("CFP Board").

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 high standard of professional education, stringent code of conduct and standards of practice and ethical requirements that govern professional engagements with clients.

To attain the right to use the CFP® marks, an individual must satisfactorily fulfill the following requirements: Complete an advanced college-level course of study addressing the financial planning subject areas that CFP Board's studies have determined as necessary for the competent and professional delivery of financial planning services and attain a Bachelor's Degree from a regionally accredited United States college or university (or its equivalent from a foreign university, pass the comprehensive CFP® Certification Examination, Complete at least three years of full-time financial planning-related experience and agree to be bound by CFP Board's *Standards of Professional Conduct*.

Individuals who become certified must complete 30 hours of continuing education hours every two years, including two hours on the *Code of Ethics* and other parts of the *Standards of Professional Conduct*, to maintain competence and keep up with developments in the financial industry and renew an agreement to be bound by the *Standards of Professional Conduct*. The Standards prominently require that CFP® professionals provide financial planning services at a fiduciary standard of care. This means CFP® professionals must provide financial planning services in the best interests of their clients.

## **Enrolled Agent (EA):**

An Enrolled Agent is a federally authorized tax practitioner empowered by the United States Department of the Treasury to represent taxpayers before the IRS. To become an EA, applicant must pass the Special Enrollment Examination or have worked for the IRS for five years in a position which regularly interpreted and applied the tax code and its regulations. A background check, including a review of the applicant's tax compliance, is also conducted. The IRS requires EAs to complete 72 hours of continuing professional education every three years.

### Accredited Investment Fiduciary (AIF®)

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, individuals must complete a training program, successfully pass a comprehensive, closed-book final examination under the supervision of a proctor and agree to abide by the AIF® Code of Ethics. In order to maintain the AIF® designation, the individual must annually renew their affirmation of the AIF Code of Ethics and complete six hours of continuing education credits. The certification is administered by the Center for Fiduciary Studies, LLC (a Fiduciary 360 (fi360) company).

## **Item 3: Disciplinary Information**

There are no legal or disciplinary events that are material to your evaluation of Mr. Douglass.

#### **Item 4: Other Business Activities**

Mr. Douglass is a licensed insurance agent. In such a capacity, he may offer insurance products and receive normal and customary commissions as a result of such a purchase. This presents a conflict of interest to the extent that he recommends the purchase of an insurance product which results in a commission being paid to him as an insurance agent.

#### **Item 5: Additional Compensation**

We have nothing to disclose in this regard.

#### **Item 6: Supervision**

Rod Kamps is a principal of our firm and as such supervises and monitors Mr. Douglass's activities on a regular basis to ensure compliance with our firm's Code of Ethics. Please contact Mr. Kamps if you have any questions about Mr. Douglass's brochure supplement at (866) 526-7726.