

**ITEM 1: COVER PAGE**



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**ITEM 2: MATERIAL CHANGES**

The following material changes have been made since the last annual filing dated March 25, 2024:

Lach Financial no longer offers investment management for pension or profit-sharing plans.

Item 5 Part C has been updated to provide clients additional information regarding where to find other fees they incur. The following was added to Item 5 Part C:

“Clients can find additional information regarding the fees charged by mutual funds and exchange-traded funds by reviewing each fund’s prospectus. Clients are encouraged to review a fund’s prospectus before investing. Brokerage and transactions costs charged by a custodian can be found by visiting the custodian’s website or by contacting the custodian directly via phone or email.”

Item 7 has been amended to reflect that for ongoing financial planning clients, the minimum account size to open an account has increased from \$300,000 to \$400,000 and may be waived at the sole discretion of Lach Financial.

Section B.2 has been added to Item 8 and discusses risks related to information security.

Item 12 has been changed to reflect that Lach Financial may require or recommend its clients establish brokerage accounts with Altruist Financial or Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. (Schwab) and no longer recommends clients to establish brokerage accounts with Shareholders Service Group. In addition, Item 12 now includes a more robust discussion about how Lach Financial selects a custodian and the benefits Lach Financial may receive from Schwab.

Item 14 has been updated to include the economic benefits the firm may receive from Schwab.

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**ITEM 4: ADVISORY BUSINESS****A. Description of Advisory Firm**

Lach Financial, LLC is a fee-only Registered Investment Adviser which started operating in 2011. This firm is owned solely by Patrick Lach, Ph.D., CFA, CFP®.

Patrick Lach has been the Founder, Managing Member, and sole owner of Lach Financial from February 2011 to the present.

**B. Description of Services Offered**

Lach Financial offers two services: 1) ongoing financial planning services and 2) hourly financial planning services.

*B.1 Ongoing Financial Planning*

For ongoing financial planning clients, Lach Financial will meet with the client to determine the client's goals and the challenges to achieving those goals. Next, Lach Financial will create a plan, known as an Investment Policy Statement, based on the client's goals and constraints, implement the plan, monitor the client's account(s) on an ongoing basis, rebalance the account(s), and make trades on behalf of the client. The portfolio will be managed based on a plan custom-designed by Lach Financial to meet the client's unique needs. Lach Financial will also meet periodically with the client (at least once per year) to review and update the client's Investment Policy Statement for changes in the client's investment goals and risk tolerance. In addition, as needed, Lach Financial will also assist the client with one or more of the following services: general financial planning, life insurance planning, disability insurance planning, employee benefits planning, planning for major purchases, education planning, budgeting, tax planning, retirement planning, and estate planning.

Lach Financial requires ongoing financial planning clients to grant the firm limited power of attorney so that the firm can place trades to rebalance the client's account(s), or to implement changes in the client's asset allocation without the client's written consent for every transaction.

*B.2 Hourly Financial Planning*

If a client chooses to receive hourly financial planning advice, Lach Financial will meet with the client and answer any questions the client may have. These services do not provide for ongoing monitoring by the firm. For financial planning clients, the client will be responsible for implementing the recommendations of Lach Financial.

*B.3 Other Consulting Services*

Patrick Lach, through Lach Financial, may provide hourly consulting for engagements related to writing or verifying material for textbook providers. In addition, Patrick Lach, through Lach Financial, may provide hourly consulting relating to legal testimony or as an expert witness.

**C. Client-Tailored Services and Client Imposed Restrictions**

For ongoing and hourly financial planning clients, services are tailored to the client and every Investment Policy Statement developed is specifically designed to meet the unique needs of the client. For portfolios managed on a discretionary basis, the client may not place restrictions on the management of the account.

**D. Wrap Fee Programs**

Lach Financial does not offer any wrap fee programs, in which multiple services are offered for one flat fee.

**E. Assets Under Management.**

As of December 31, 2024, Lach Financial had \$21,452,881.89 in discretionary assets under management, and no assets managed on a non-discretionary basis.

**ITEM 5: FEES AND COMPENSATION****A. Method of Compensation and Fee Schedule**

Lach Financial is a fee-only Registered Investment Adviser and only recommends no-load mutual funds and exchange-traded funds. Lach Financial does not receive compensation for the sale of any investment products because this represents a conflict of interest between the client and the firm since the sale of commission-based products may provide a financial incentive for the adviser to recommend products that generate a commission rather than products that are in the best needs of the client.

Lach Financial provides a complimentary initial consultation for all clients. For hourly financial planning clients, Lach Financial charges a fee of \$300 per hour. Lach Financial estimates that a financial plan prepared for a financial planning client will take three to five hours to prepare. Therefore, the average fees for an engagement with an hourly fee-based client will be approximately \$900 to \$1,500, but may be more or less depending on the complexity of the client's situation. These fees will be billed after services are rendered and will not be refundable. The firm's hourly rate of \$300 per hour is negotiable.

For ongoing financial planning clients, Lach Financial charges for its services using a fee based on the amount of assets under direct supervision. Clients have the option of having the fees deducted from the brokerage account, or paying via check. For ongoing financial planning client accounts, the annual fee is negotiable and based on the following schedule:

\$0-\$1,000,000	1.00%
Next \$2,000,000 (up to \$3,000,000)	0.75%
Next \$2,000,000 (up to \$5,000,000)	0.50%
Over \$5,000,000	0.25%

The fee in the above schedule is billed quarterly and is equal to 1/4 of the annual fee. The quarterly fee is based on the value of the account on the last business day of the calendar quarter. The fees will be charged in arrears at the end of the quarter and will not be payable in advance. If the advisory contract is terminated before the quarter is over, the fee will be prorated through the termination date. Prior to the custodian tendering the management fee, the Firm will send to the Client a bill showing the amount of the fee, the value of the Client's assets on which the fee was based, and the specific manner in which the fee was calculated. The Client shall reimburse the Firm for all expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred by the Firm in connection with the collection of fees owed to the Firm by the Client.

## **B. Payment of Client Fees**

Clients will be billed in arrears. A bill will be sent to the client detailing the calculation of the fees. Clients have the option of having the fees deducted from the account or paying via cash or check. This option will be determined when the client sets up the account and the client has the ability to change this option at any time. If the client does not pay via cash or check, the client authorizes Lach Financial to deduct any fees from the account when the fees become due. If there is not enough cash on hand in the account to pay the fee, securities equal to the unpaid balance will be liquidated to pay the remaining fees. Lach Financial has the discretion to choose the securities to be sold in order to pay the remaining fees. If the advisory contract is terminated before the quarter is over, the fee will be prorated through the termination date. If the client initiates services with Lach Financial after the beginning of the calendar quarter, the client's first bill will be prorated for that quarter. The arrangement may be terminated by either party at anytime without penalty provided that written notice is provided at least five (5) business days in advance.

For financial planning clients who are charged an hourly rate, Lach Financial will give the client an invoice when the final financial plan is presented.

## **C. Other Fees**

For ongoing and hourly financial planning clients, the client will incur other fees in addition to those charged by Lach Financial, but Lach Financial would not receive such fees. Examples include fees charged by mutual funds, exchange-traded funds, and brokerage and transactions

costs. Clients can find additional information regarding the fees charged by mutual funds and exchange-traded funds by reviewing each fund's prospectus, which clients are encouraged to review before investing. Brokerage and transactions costs charged by a custodian can be found by visiting the custodian's website or by contacting the custodian directly via phone or email.

#### **D. Prepayment of Client Fees**

Lach Financial does not require the prepayment of client fees.

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

Neither Lach Financial nor any of its supervised persons accept compensation for the sale of securities or other investment products, including asset-based sales charges or service fees from the sale of mutual funds.

### **ITEM 6: PERFORMANCE-BASED FEES AND SIDE-BY-SIDE MANAGEMENT**

Lach Financial does not charge performance-based fees for any of its accounts and does not engage in side-by-side management.

### **ITEM 7: TYPES OF CLIENTS**

Lach Financial provides financial planning services to individuals as well as managing portfolios for individual investors and trusts. For ongoing financial planning clients, the minimum account size to open an account is \$400,000. This minimum may be waived at the sole discretion of Lach Financial.

### **ITEM 8: METHODS OF ANALYSIS, INVESTMENT STRATEGIES, AND RISK OF LOSS**

#### **A. Method of Analysis and Investment Strategies**

Lach Financial follows a passive investment strategy and does not attempt to outperform a certain market or index. The advantage of this strategy is that it minimizes the client's investment costs. However, any investment in securities involves the risk of loss that clients should be prepared to bear.

Lach Financial also relies on historical data regarding the long-term risk, return, and correlation of assets classes when making investment recommendations. In addition, Lach Financial also heavily relies on empirical, peer-reviewed academic research when making investment recommendations.



Lach Financial uses no-load mutual funds and exchange-traded funds offered by Dimensional Fund Advisors (DFA) extensively, but not exclusively. In addition, Lach Financial relies on investment research and academic data provided by DFA.

Although Lach Financial does not receive compensation for recommending DFA funds, DFA does provide Lach Financial with research material that is used to help formulate investment decisions. A potential conflict of interest may be deemed to exist because of this assistance. Mutual funds offered by DFA are generally only available to clients of Registered Investment Advisers who have been authorized by DFA to offer DFA funds. If a client terminates their agreement with Lach Financial, they may not be able to make additional investments into DFA funds unless the additional investments are made through a different Registered Investment Adviser that has been authorized by DFA.

## **B. Risk of Investment Strategies**

### *B.1. Investment Risk*

Lach Financial relies on historical data and academic research when implementing its long-term buy-and-hold passive investment strategy. While the firm believes this is the best approach to investing, there are risks associated with this strategy. The primary risk of this strategy is the risk that future risk, return, and correlations of asset classes will differ from the historical behavior of these classes. Any investment in securities involves the risk of loss that clients should be prepared to bear.

### *B.2. Information Security Risk*

Like other investment advisers, Lach Financial is subject to information security risk, which could compromise the confidentiality of client information. Among other things, information security risk includes things such as the physical or electronic theft of client data or a denial-of-service attack on Lach Financial or any third-party service providers used by Lach Financial. A data breach could disrupt the operations of Lach Financial and/or compromise a client's personally identifiable information. Among other things, losses from such a breach may include identity theft or theft of a client's investment funds. Lach Financial has taken (and will continue to take) steps to monitor and identify risks associated with information security threats, such as cybersecurity training for employees and network penetration testing.

## **C. Types of Securities Used**

Lach Financial recommends passive investments such as mutual funds and exchange-traded funds, which are designed to track a specific index or to gain exposure to a specific asset class. There are two primary risks associated with these securities. The first risk is that the firms comprising a particular index or asset class will decline in value. This will cause the index or asset class (and the mutual funds or exchange-traded funds based on that index or asset class) to fall. The other

risk associated with index mutual funds and exchange-traded funds is known as tracking risk, which is the risk that these funds will fail to adequately track the indices they are designed to mimic.

Lach Financial primarily uses two types mutual funds and exchange-traded funds: equity and fixed-income. An equity investment represents an ownership stake in a company. This ownership stake can fluctuate in value based on events specific to the individual company or the economy as a whole. The primary risk of equity investments is price risk, which is the risk that the price of an equity investment will decline based on firm-specific or market-specific events. Fixed-income securities represent a loan made to a government or company. The name 'fixed-income' comes from the fact that the payments received from an investor are known in advance, assuming the borrowing entity does not default on its loan. There are two primary risks of fixed-income investments. The first risk is that the investor will not receive the full amount of cash promised or will receive the full amount of cash promised, but later than promised. This risk is known as default risk. The second primary risk of fixed-income investments is that the price of a fixed-income investment may change as a result of a change in prevailing market interest rates. This risk is known as price risk or interest rate risk. Fixed-income investments also carry inflation risk, liquidity risk, and prepayment risk.

Lastly, Lach Financial may also recommend investments in Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs). These are funds that invest in real estate or loans secured by real estate. One risk inherent in REITs is that the value of the real estate held in the portfolio may decrease based on a deterioration in real estate market conditions. In addition, a change in interest rates may cause the value of mortgages held by a REIT to decline. The properties held by REITs can also lose money due to unexpected increases in property taxes, changes to zoning laws, or increased competition from other properties offering similar services.

#### **ITEM 9: DISCIPLINARY INFORMATION**

Neither Lach Financial, nor any management person with the firm, has been subject to any specific legal or disciplinary events which would be regarded as material to a current or prospective client's evaluation of the integrity of the firm or the management of the firm. There are no pending legal or disciplinary events for Lach Financial.

#### **ITEM 10: OTHER FINANCIAL INDUSTRY ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS**

##### **A. Broker-Dealer Registration**

Neither Lach Financial nor any of its management persons are registered, or have an application pending to register, as a broker-dealer or a registered representative of a broker-dealer.

**B. Futures and Commodity Registration**

Neither Lach Financial nor any of its management persons are registered, or have an application pending to register, as a futures commission merchant, commodity pool operator, a commodity trading advisor, or an associated person of forgoing entities.

**C. Conflicts of Interest**

Lach Financial uses mutual funds and exchange-traded funds offered by Dimensional Fund Advisors (DFA) extensively, but not exclusively. In addition, Lach Financial relies on investment research and academic data provided by DFA. Although Lach Financial does not receive compensation for recommending DFA funds, DFA does provide Lach Financial with research material that is used to help formulate investment decisions. This research material is available to all advisers who utilize DFA funds and Lach Financial is not obligated to have a minimum amount of assets in DFA funds in order to receive this material. A potential conflict of interest may be deemed to exist because of this assistance.

**D. Other Financial Advisers**

Neither Lach Financial nor any of its management persons receives compensation from other investment advisers. Furthermore, neither the firm nor its management persons have any material relationships with other investment advisers that could create a conflict of interest.

**ITEM 11: CODE OF ETHICS, PARTICIPATION OR INTEREST IN CLIENT TRANSACTIONS AND PERSONAL TRADING****A. Code of Ethics**

Lach Financial has established a Code of Ethics, which, among other things, establishes policies and procedures to prevent insider trading. Lach Financial will send a copy of its Code of Ethics to its clients upon request. Lach Financial and its employees place their client's interests before their own interests at all times.

**B. Material Financial Interests in Clients' Holdings**

Neither Lach Financial nor any related person has any material financial interests in the securities recommended to clients.

**C. Firm Ownership of Client Securities**

Lach Financial, its management, and family members, invest in the same securities that it recommends to clients. While the firm or persons related to the firm invest in the same securities

as those recommended to clients, client trades are placed ahead of the trades of the firm and its related persons whenever possible.

#### **D. Trading of Concurrently Owned Securities**

For those securities which are owned concurrently by Lach Financial or any related persons, Lach Financial will make a reasonable attempt to place the trades of its clients ahead of the trades of the firm or any related persons to the firm. It is the policy of Lach Financial and its employees to place the interests of the client ahead of their own at all times.

### **ITEM 12: BROKERAGE PRACTICES**

#### **A. Selection of a Broker**

Lach Financial does not maintain custody of client assets, although Lach Financial may be deemed to have custody of client assets if the client gives Lach Financial authority to withdraw assets from client accounts (see Item 15—Custody, below). Lach Financial may require or recommend that its clients establish brokerage accounts with Altruist Financial (Altruist) or Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. (Schwab), a registered broker-dealer, member SIPC, as the qualified custodian.

Lach Financial is independently owned and operated and is not affiliated with Altruist or Schwab. Altruist or Schwab will hold client assets in a brokerage account and buy and sell securities when Lach Financial instructs them to do so. While Lach Financial may require or recommend clients use Altruist or Schwab as custodian, the client will decide whether to do so and will open an account with Altruist or Schwab by entering into an account Agreement directly with them. Conflicts of interest associated with this arrangement are described below as well as in Item 14 (Client referrals and other compensation). The client should consider these conflicts of interest when selecting a custodian.

Lach Financial does not open accounts for clients, although Lach Financial may assist clients in doing so. Even though client accounts are maintained at Altruist or Schwab, and Lach Financial anticipates that most trades will be executed through Altruist or Schwab, Lach Financial can still use other brokers to execute trades for client accounts.

Lach Financial may require or recommend Altruist or Schwab, a custodian/ broker, to hold client assets and execute transactions. When considering whether the terms that Altruist or Schwab provide are, overall, most advantageous to clients when compared with other available providers and their services, Lach Financial takes into account a wide range of factors, including:

- Combination of transaction execution services and asset custody services (generally without a separate fee for custody)
- Capability to execute, clear, and settle trades ( buy and sell securities for client accounts)

- Capability to facilitate transfers and payments to and from accounts (wire transfers, check requests, bill payment, etc.)
- Breadth of available investment products (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, exchange-traded funds (ETFs), etc.)
- Quality of services
- Competitiveness of the price of those services (commission rates, margin interest rates, other fees, etc.) and willingness to negotiate the prices
- Reputation, financial strength, security and stability
- Availability of other products and services that may benefit Lach Financial, as discussed later in this section.

For client accounts that Altruist or Schwab maintains, Altruist or Schwab generally do not charge clients separately for custody services but are compensated by charging clients commissions or other fees on trades that they execute or that settle into the client's Altruist or Schwab accounts. Certain trades (for example, mutual funds and ETFs) do not incur Altruist or Schwab commissions or transaction fees. Schwab is also compensated by earning interest on the uninvested cash in client accounts in Schwab's Cash Features Program.

In addition to commissions, Schwab charges clients a flat dollar amount as a "prime broker" or "trade away" fee for each trade Schwab has executed by a different broker-dealer but where the securities bought or the funds from the securities sold are deposited (settled) into the client's Schwab account. These fees are in addition to the commissions or other compensation the client pays the executing broker-dealer. Because of this, in order to minimize client trading costs, Lach Financial will have Schwab execute most trades for client accounts.

Lach Financial is not required to select the broker or dealer that charges the lowest transaction cost, even if that broker provides execution quality comparable to other brokers or dealers. Although Lach Financial is not required to execute all trades through Altruist or Schwab, it has determined that having Altruist or Schwab execute most trades is consistent with the firm's duty to seek "best execution" of client trades. Best execution means the most favorable terms for a transaction based on all relevant factors, including those listed previously in this section. By using another broker or dealer the client may pay lower transaction costs.

Schwab Advisor Services™ is Schwab's business serving independent investment advisory firms like Lach Financial. They provide Lach Financial and its clients with access to their institutional brokerage services (trading, custody, reporting and related services), many of which are not typically available to Schwab retail customers.

However, certain retail investors may be able to get institutional brokerage services from Schwab without going through Lach Financial. Schwab also makes available various support services. Some of those services help Lach Financial manage or administer client accounts, while others help Lach Financial manage and grow its business.

Schwab's support services are generally available on an unsolicited basis (Lach Financial does not have to request them) and at no charge to Lach Financial.

Schwab's institutional brokerage services include access to a broad range of investment products, execution of securities transactions, and custody of client assets. The investment products available through Schwab include some to which Lach Financial might not otherwise have access or that would require a significantly higher minimum initial investment by Lach Financial's clients.

Schwab also makes available to Lach Financial other products and services that benefit Lach Financial but do not directly benefit clients or their accounts. These products and services assist Lach Financial in managing and administering client accounts and operating the firm. They include investment research, both Schwab's own and that of third parties. Lach Financial may use this research to service all or a substantial number of client accounts, including accounts not maintained at Schwab. In addition to investment research, Schwab also makes available software and other technology that:

- provide access to client account data (such as duplicate trade confirmations and account statements)
- facilitate trade execution and allocate aggregated trade orders for multiple client accounts
- provide pricing and other market data
- facilitate payment of fees from client accounts
- assist with back-office functions, recordkeeping, and client reporting

Schwab also offers other services intended to help Lach Financial manage and further develop its business enterprise. These services include:

- Educational conferences and events
- Consulting on technology and business needs
- Consulting on legal and compliance related needs
- Publications and conferences on practice management and business succession
- Access to employee benefits providers, human capital consultants, and insurance providers
- Marketing consulting and support

- Recruiting and custodial search consulting

Schwab provides some of these services itself. In other cases, it will arrange for third-party vendors to provide the services to Lach Financial. Schwab also discounts or waives its fees for some of these services or pays all or a part of a third party's fees. If clients did not maintain their accounts with Schwab, Lach Financial would be required to pay for those services.

The fact that Lach Financial receives these benefits from Schwab is an incentive for Lach Financial to recommend or require the use of Schwab rather than making such a decision based exclusively on the client's interest in receiving the best value in custody services and the most favorable execution of the client's transactions. This creates a conflict of interest. Lach Financial believes, however, that taken in the aggregate its selection of Schwab as custodian and broker is in the best interests of its clients. Lach Financial's selection is primarily supported by the scope, quality, and price of Schwab's services and not Schwab's services that benefit only the firm.

## **B. Aggregation of Orders**

Lach Financial does not aggregate orders for client accounts when there is an opportunity to do so. Instead, Lach Financial places securities orders separately for each client. Failure to aggregate orders results in higher trading costs for the client.

## **ITEM 13: REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS**

### **A. Periodic Account Reviews**

Lach Financial reviews client accounts and financial plans at least annually. These reviews are conducted by Patrick Lach, Managing Member of Lach Financial. Patrick Lach strives to with clients in person, via telephone, or via video conference at least once per year to discuss any changes to the client's goals or investment constraints. Trading activity for all client accounts is monitored daily.

### **B. Non-Periodic Account Reviews**

Lach Financial may review client accounts on an ad hoc basis if there has been a major change in the client's objectives or constraints. Lach Financial may also review a client account if there has been a major change in the macroeconomic climate.

### **C. Client Reports**

The custodian used by Lach Financial will provide quarterly reports to clients which contain the account balances as of the end of the quarter. The reports also list the holdings in the portfolio and the amount of money invested in each security. Lastly, the reports list the percentage change in the

client's account balance from the previous quarter as well as the change in the client's year-to-date account balance. These reports are written.

#### **ITEM 14: CLIENT REFERRALS AND OTHER COMPENSATION**

##### **A. Other Compensation**

Lach Financial receives an economic benefit from Schwab in the form of the support products and services it makes available to Lach Financial and other independent investment advisors whose clients maintain their accounts at Schwab. In addition, Schwab has also agreed to pay for certain products and services for which Lach Financial would otherwise have to pay once the value of its clients' assets in accounts at Schwab reaches a certain size. Clients do not pay more for assets maintained at Schwab as a result of these arrangements. However, Lach Financial benefits from the arrangement because the cost of these services would otherwise be borne directly by the firm. Clients should consider these conflicts of interest when selecting a custodian. The products and services provided by Schwab, how they benefit Lach Financial, and the related conflicts of interest are described above (see Item 12 – Brokerage Practices).

##### **B. Client Referrals**

Lach Financial does not compensate any third party for client referrals.

#### **ITEM 15: CUSTODY**

Other than directly deducting fees from client accounts, Lach Financial does not take custody of client funds. Client funds will be held through a custodian selected by the firm. The custodian will send quarterly statements to clients via paper mail or electronic mail, according to the client's preference. Lach Financial is not affiliated with the custodian. The custodian does not supervise the advisor, its agents or activities. Lach Financial urges ongoing financial planning clients to compare the account balances shown on their quarterly invoice from Lach Financial to the balance(s) shown on the custodian's quarterly statement and notify Lach Financial of any discrepancies.

#### **ITEM 16: INVESTMENT DISCRETION**

For ongoing financial planning clients, Lach Financial will have discretion over client funds and will have limited power of attorney over all accounts. The client's contract and the form the client completes when opening an account gives Lach Financial this limited power of attorney. This discretion includes the securities to be bought or sold, the amount of securities to be bought or



sold, and the broker-dealer to be used. The limited power of attorney allows Lach Financial to place trades on behalf of the client. Lach Financial will also have the authority to deduct quarterly fees from the client's account.

#### **ITEM 17: VOTING CLIENT SECURITIES**

Lach Financial will not place votes for client securities. Lach Financial's custodian typically provides proxy materials directly to clients. Although clients may contact Lach Financial with any questions relating to voting proxies, Lach Financial does not typically provide clients with detailed analysis regarding proxy statements.

#### **ITEM 18: FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

##### **A. Balance Sheet**

Lach Financial does not solicit prepayment of client fees of \$1,200 six months or more in advance. Therefore, the firm is not required to file a balance sheet.

##### **B. Financial Condition**

There are no financial conditions facing Lach Financial that are reasonably likely to impair the firm's ability to meet contractual commitments to clients. All financial information is kept at the firm's physical location at 3046 Breckenridge Lane Suite 202, Louisville, Kentucky 40220.

##### **C. Bankruptcy Petitions**

Lach Financial has not been the subject of a bankruptcy petition at any time during the past ten years.

#### **ITEM 19: REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE-REGISTERED ADVISERS**

Patrick Lach is the founder and sole owner of Lach Financial.

Patrick Lach graduated *magna cum laude* from Bellarmine University in 2004 with his Bachelor of Arts degree with a dual major in Accounting and Economics. He received his Masters of Science in Business Administration from Mississippi State University in 2007 with a major in Finance and he received his Doctorate in Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Business Administration with a major in Finance from Mississippi State University in 2008. Upon graduation, Dr. Lach accepted a position as an Assistant Professor of Finance at Eastern Illinois University. He was granted tenure and promoted to the rank of Associate Professor of Finance in 2014. Dr. Lach left Eastern Illinois in

2017 and worked as an Associate Professor of Finance at Bellarmine University from August 2017 to May of 2019. In August 2019, Dr. Lach began teaching at Indiana University Southeast, where he continues to work today as an Associate Professor of Finance.

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This brochure supplement provides information about Patrick Adam Lach that supplements the Lach Financial brochure. You should have received a copy of that brochure. Please contact Patrick Lach at 502-295-7887 if you did not receive Lach Financial's brochure or if you have any questions about the contents of this supplement.

Additional information about Patrick Lach is available on the SEC's website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).

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**ITEM 2: EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND BUSINESS EXPERIENCE**

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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 156,000 CFA charterholders working in more than 134 countries. To earn the CFA charter, candidates must: 1) pass three sequential, 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.

**High Ethical Standards**

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

### Global Recognition

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 over 30 countries and territories recognize the CFA charter as a proxy for meeting certain licensing requirements, and more than 125 colleges and universities around the world have incorporated a majority of the CFA Program curriculum into their own finance courses.

### Comprehensive and Current Knowledge

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.

To learn more about the CFA charter, visit [www.cfainstitute.org](http://www.cfainstitute.org).

### *Description of Certified Financial Planner Certificate*

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

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

- **Education** – Earn a bachelor’s degree or higher from an accredited college or university and complete CFP Board-approved coursework at a college or university through a CFP Board Registered Program. The coursework covers the financial planning subject areas CFP Board has determined are necessary for the competent and professional delivery of financial planning services, as well as a comprehensive financial plan development capstone course. A candidate may satisfy some of the coursework requirement through other qualifying credentials. CFP Board implemented the bachelor’s degree or higher requirement in 2007 and the financial planning development capstone course requirement in March 2012. Therefore, a CFP® professional who first became certified before those dates may not have earned a bachelor’s or higher degree or completed a financial planning development capstone course.
- **Examination** – Pass the comprehensive CFP® Certification Examination. The examination is designed to assess an individual’s ability to integrate and apply a broad base of financial planning knowledge in the context of real-life financial planning situations.
- **Experience** – Complete 6,000 hours of professional experience related to the personal financial planning process, or 4,000 hours of apprenticeship experience that meets additional requirements.
- **Ethics** – Satisfy the *Fitness Standards for Candidates for CFP® Certification and Former CFP® Professionals Seeking Reinstatement* and agree to be bound by CFP Board’s *Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct* (“Code and Standards”), which sets forth the ethical and practice standards for CFP® professionals.

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

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

### ITEM 3: DISCIPLINARY INFORMATION

Patrick Lach has never been subject to any specific legal or disciplinary events which would be regarded as material to a current or prospective client's evaluation of his integrity. There are no pending legal or disciplinary events for Patrick Lach.

**ITEM 4: OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES**

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**ITEM 5: ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION**

Other than what was described in Item 4: Other Business Activities, Patrick Lach does not have any additional compensation to disclose.

**ITEM 6: SUPERVISION**

Patrick Lach is the Chief Compliance Officer and also serves as an investment adviser representative. Patrick Lach has developed and implemented a Code of Ethics to guide supervised persons to meet their fiduciary obligation to the clients of Lach Financial.

**ITEM 7: REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE-REGISTERED ADVISERS**

Patrick Lach has never been found liable in any arbitration claim. In addition, Patrick Lach has never been found liable in a civil, self-regulatory organization, or administrative proceeding. Lastly, Patrick Lach has never been the subject of a bankruptcy petition.