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Brightwater Financial, LLC

Form ADV Part 2A – Firm Brochure

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This Brochure provides information about the qualifications and business practices of Brightwater Financial, LLC, “Brightwater Financial”. If you have any questions about the contents of this Brochure, please contact us at 708-497-9465. The information in this Brochure has not been approved or verified by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission or by any state securities authority.

Brightwater Financial, LLC is registered as an Investment Adviser with the State of Illinois. Registration of an Investment Adviser does not imply any level of skill or training.

Additional information about Brightwater Financial is available on the SEC’s website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov which can be found using the firm’s identification number 174856.

Item 2: Material Changes

On October 25, 2016, the firm filed a new Form ADV Part 2 and retired the Form from February 16, 2016. The following changes were made:

- Update to Catherine Derus's business experience and outside business activities. Additional information can be found in Item 19.

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Item 4: Advisory Business

Description of Advisory Firm

Brightwater Financial, LLC is registered as an Investment Adviser with the State of Illinois. We were founded in January of 2015. Catherine Derus is the principal owner of Brightwater Financial. Brightwater Financial, LLC currently reports \$29,490.89 in non-discretionary Assets Under Management.

Types of Advisory Services

Investment Advisory Services

We offer investment management services by recommending clients, where appropriate, to third-party money managers (“Outside Managers”) for portfolio management services. We assist clients in selecting an appropriate allocation model, completing the Outside Manager’s investor profile questionnaire, interacting with the Outside Manager and reviewing the Outside Manager. Our review process and analysis of outside managers is further discussed in Item 8 of this Form ADV Part 2A. Additionally, we will meet with the client on a periodic basis to discuss changes in their personal or financial situation, suitability, and any new or revised restrictions to be applied to the account. Fees pertaining to this service are outlined in Item 5 of this brochure.

Financial Planning

We provide financial planning services on topics such as retirement planning, risk management, college savings, cash flow, debt management, work benefits, and estate and incapacity planning.

Financial planning is a comprehensive evaluation of a client's current and future financial state by using currently known variables to predict future cash flows, asset values and withdrawal plans. The key defining aspect of financial planning is that through the financial planning process, all questions, information and analysis will be considered as they impact and are impacted by the entire financial and life situation of the client. Clients purchasing this service will receive a written or an electronic report, providing the client with a detailed financial plan designed to achieve his or her stated financial goals and objectives.

In general, the financial plan will address any or all of the following areas of concern. The client and advisor will work together to select the specific areas to cover. These areas may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **Business Planning:** We provide consulting services for clients who currently operate their own business, are considering starting a business, or are planning for an exit from their current business. Under this type of engagement, we work with you to assess your current situation, identify your objectives, and develop a plan aimed at achieving your goals.
- **Cash Flow and Debt Management:** We will conduct a review of your income and expenses to determine your current surplus or deficit along with advice on prioritizing how any surplus should be used or how to reduce expenses if they exceed your income. Advice may also be provided on which debts to pay off first based on factors such as the interest rate of the debt and any income tax ramifications. We may also recommend what we believe to be an appropriate cash reserve that should be considered for emergencies and other financial goals, along with a review of accounts (such as money market funds) for such reserves, plus strategies to save desired amounts.
- **College Savings:** Includes projecting the amount that will be needed to achieve college or other post-secondary education funding goals, along with advice on ways for you to save the desired amount. Recommendations as to savings strategies are included, and, if needed, we will review your financial picture as it relates to eligibility for financial aid or the best way to contribute to

grandchildren (if appropriate).

- **Employee Benefits Optimization:** We will provide review and analysis as to whether you, as an employee, are taking the maximum advantage possible of your employee benefits. If you are a business owner, we will consider and/or recommend the various benefit programs that can be structured to meet both business and personal retirement goals.
- **Estate Planning:** This usually includes an analysis of your exposure to estate taxes and your current estate plan, which may include whether you have a will, powers of attorney, trusts and other related documents. Our advice also typically includes ways for you to minimize or avoid future estate taxes by implementing appropriate estate planning strategies such as the use of applicable trusts.

We always recommend that you consult with a qualified attorney when you initiate, update, or complete estate planning activities. We may provide you with contact information for attorneys who specialize in estate planning when you wish to hire an attorney for such purposes. From time-to-time, we will participate in meetings or phone calls between you and your attorney with your approval or request.

- **Financial Goals:** We will help clients identify financial goals and develop a plan to reach them. We will identify what you plan to accomplish, what resources you will need to make it happen, how much time you will need to reach the goal, and how much you should budget for your goal.
- **Insurance:** Review of existing policies to ensure proper coverage for life, health, disability, long-term care, liability, home and automobile.
- **Investment Analysis:** This may involve developing an asset allocation strategy to meet clients' financial goals and risk tolerance, providing information on investment vehicles and strategies, reviewing employee stock options, as well as assisting you in establishing your own investment account at a selected broker/dealer or custodian. The strategies and types of investments we may recommend are further discussed in Item 8 of this brochure.
- **Retirement Planning:** Our retirement planning services typically include projections of your likelihood of achieving your financial goals, typically focusing on financial independence as the primary objective. For situations where projections show less than the desired results, we may

make recommendations, including those that may impact the original projections by adjusting certain variables (i.e., working longer, saving more, spending less, taking more risk with investments).

If you are near retirement or already retired, advice may be given on appropriate distribution strategies to minimize the likelihood of running out of money or having to adversely alter spending during your retirement years.

- **Risk Management:** A risk management review includes an analysis of your exposure to major risks that could have a significant adverse impact on your financial picture, such as premature death, disability, property and casualty losses, or the need for long-term care planning. Advice may be provided on ways to minimize such risks and about weighing the costs of purchasing insurance versus the benefits of doing so and, likewise, the potential cost of not purchasing insurance (“self-insuring”).
- **Tax Planning Strategies:** Advice may include ways to minimize current and future income taxes as a part of your overall financial planning picture. For example, we may make recommendations on which type of account(s) or specific investments should be owned based in part on their “tax efficiency,” with consideration that there is always a possibility of future changes to federal, state or local tax laws and rates that may impact your situation.

We recommend that you consult with a qualified tax professional before initiating any tax planning strategy, and we may provide you with contact information for accountants or attorneys who specialize in this area if you wish to hire someone for such purposes. We will participate in meetings or phone calls between you and your tax professional with your approval.

Comprehensive Financial Planning

This service involves working one-on-one with a planner over an extended period of time. By paying a monthly retainer, clients get continuous access to a planner who will work with them to design their plan. The planner will monitor the plan, recommend any changes and ensure the plan is up to date.

Upon desiring a comprehensive plan, a client will be taken through establishing their goals and values around money. They will be required to provide information to help complete the following areas of analysis: net worth, cash flow, insurance, credit scores/reports, employee benefit, retirement planning, insurance, investments, college planning and estate planning. Once the client’s information is reviewed, their plan will be built and analyzed, and then the findings, analysis and potential changes to

their current situation will be reviewed with the client. Clients subscribing to this service will receive a written or an electronic report, providing the client with a detailed financial plan designed to achieve his or her stated financial goals and objectives. If a follow up meeting is required, we will meet at the client's convenience. The plan and the client's financial situation and goals will be monitored throughout the year and follow-up phone calls and emails will be made to the client to confirm that any agreed upon action steps have been carried out. On an annual basis there will be a full review of this plan to ensure its accuracy and ongoing appropriateness. Any needed updates will be implemented at that time.

Client Tailored Services and Client Imposed Restrictions

We offer the same suite of services to all of our clients. However, specific client financial plans 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) and is used to construct a client specific plan to aid in the selection of a portfolio that matches restrictions, needs, and targets.

Wrap Fee Programs

We do not participate in wrap fee programs.

Item 5: Fees and Compensation

Please note, unless a client has received the firm's disclosure brochure at least 48 hours prior to signing the investment advisory contract, the investment advisory contract may be terminated by the client within five (5) business days of signing the contract without incurring any advisory fees. How we are paid depends on the type of advisory service we are performing. Please review the fee and compensation information below.

Investment Advisory Services

When Brightwater Financial directs clients to Outside Managers, the Outside Manager will debit the client's account for the advisory fee, and will remit Brightwater Financial's portion of the fee to Brightwater Financial. The standard advisory fee is based on the market value of the account and is calculated as follows:

Account Value	Annual Advisory Fee*
\$0 - \$250,000	0.95%
\$250,001 - \$500,000	0.80%
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	0.70%

\$1,000,001 - \$2,000,000	0.60%
\$2,000,001 - Above	0.50%

*Retainer services clients who also engage the firm for its investment supervisory services will be assessed an annualized asset-based fee that is capped at 0.50% (50 basis points).

Investment Management Services

An annualized asset-based fee of 0.25% (25 basis points) will be charged to your account by Betterment Securities. Our firm will assess a fee ranging from 0.25% to 0.70% (25 to 70 basis points) for our consultation service, which we will describe to you in your engagement agreement with our firm.

The annual fees are negotiable and are pro-rated and paid in arrears on a quarterly basis.

Accounts initiated or terminated during a calendar quarter will be charged a pro-rated fee based on the amount of time remaining in the billing period. An account may be terminated with written notice at least 15 calendar days in advance. Since fees are paid in arrears, no rebate will be needed upon termination of the account.

Comprehensive Financial Planning

Our retainer fee engagement is designed for those who are in need of a plan as well as our assistance over the course of the year. We create your foundation (your plan) and work with you to ensure various steps or action items are accomplished. We are available to help you in opening and maintaining an investment account at the custodian of your choice, and we will provide portfolio allocation adjustments when necessary. The initial fee ranges from \$1,000 to \$2,000, and is due in full upon executing our agreement. Once your plan is presented to you, we then assist you in its execution over the course of the year. Our retainer fee for this effort ranges from \$100 to \$200 per month, and the fee will be due within the first 10 days of each month. Both fees are determined by the complexity of your situation, the time committed to developing the plan, number of action items and investment accounts involved, etc., and will be detailed in your agreement.

Either party may terminate the agreement at any time by communicating the intent to terminate in writing.

If our Form ADV Part 2 firm brochure was not delivered to you at least 48 hours prior to entering into the investment advisory contract, then you have the right to terminate the engagement without fee or penalty within five business days after entering into the agreement.

A client terminating a retainer fee services after this five-day time period will be assessed fees at prorated daily rate from date of the last service period to the date of termination.

The firm will return any prepaid, unearned fees (if any) within 30 days of the firm's receipt of termination notice. Earned fees in excess of any prepaid deposit will be billed at the time of termination and will be due upon receipt of our invoice.

Quick Start Financial Planning Fee

The "Quick Start" Financial Planning service covers two financial planning topics of the client's choice, and is offered on a fixed fee in the amount of \$500. The fee is due at the commencement of the process; however, we will not bill an amount above \$500 more than 6 months in advance. The Quick Start consists of two meetings: (1) data gathering and (2) plan presentation meeting. Upon presentation of the final plan, the client will have unlimited email access for one month. After the Quick Start service is complete, if the Client decides to engage us under the Comprehensive Financial Planning service, then the Quick Start fee will be applied to the upfront fee of the Comprehensive Financial Planning service. This service may be terminated with notice. Upon termination, the fee will be prorated and any unearned fee will be refunded to the client.

Financial Planning Hourly Fee

Financial Planning fee is an hourly rate of \$150 per hour, depending on complexity, billed in 15 minute increments with partial increments (e.g., 5 minutes) being treated as whole increments. Prior to entering into an agreement with Brightwater Financial, you will receive an estimate of the overall cost based on your requirements and the time involved. We require a deposit equal to one-half the total estimated fee to initiate the project, and the remaining amount will be due upon delivery of our invoice which coincides with the delivery of your plan or advice.

Other Types of Fees and Expenses

Our fees are exclusive of brokerage commissions, transaction fees, and other related costs and expenses which may be incurred by the client. Clients may incur certain charges imposed by custodians, brokers, and other third parties such as custodial fees, deferred sales charges, odd-lot differentials, transfer taxes, wire transfer and electronic fund fees, and other fees and taxes on brokerage accounts and securities transactions. Mutual fund and exchange traded funds also charge internal management fees, which are disclosed in a fund's prospectus. Such charges, fees and commissions are exclusive of and in addition to our fee, and we shall not receive any portion of these commissions, fees, and costs.

Item 12 further describes the factors that we consider in selecting or recommending broker-dealers for client's transactions and determining the reasonableness of their compensation (e.g., commissions).

We do not 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

We do not offer performance-based fees.

Item 7: Types of Clients

We provide financial planning and portfolio management services to individuals and high net-worth individuals.

We do not have a minimum account size requirement.

Item 8: Methods of Analysis, Investment Strategies and Risk of Loss

Our primary method of investment analysis is fundamental analysis. Our primary investment strategy is passive investment management.

Fundamental analysis involves analyzing individual companies and their industry groups, such as a company's financial statements, details regarding the company's product line, the experience, and expertise of the company's management, and the outlook for the company's industry. The resulting data is used to measure the true value of the company's stock compared to the current market value. The risk of fundamental analysis is that information obtained may be incorrect and the analysis may not provide an accurate estimate of earnings, which may be the basis for a stock's value. If securities prices adjust rapidly to new information, utilizing fundamental analysis may not result in favorable performance.

Passive Investment Management

We primarily practice passive investment management. Passive investing involves building portfolios that are comprised of various distinct asset classes. The asset classes are weighted in a manner to achieve

a desired relationship between correlation, risk and return. Funds that passively capture the returns of the desired asset classes are placed in the portfolio. The funds that are used to build passive portfolios are typically index mutual funds or exchange traded funds.

Passive investment management is characterized by low portfolio expenses (i.e. the funds inside the portfolio have low internal costs), minimal trading costs (due to infrequent trading activity), and relative tax efficiency (because the funds inside the portfolio are tax efficient and turnover inside the portfolio is minimal).

In contrast, active management involves a single manager or managers who employ some method, strategy or technique to construct a portfolio that is intended to generate returns that are greater than the broader market or a designated benchmark. Academic research indicates most active managers underperform the market.

Material Risks Involved

All investing strategies we offer involve risk and may result in a loss of your original investment which you should be prepared to bear. Many of these risks apply equally to stocks, bonds, commodities and any other investment or security. Material risks associated with our investment strategies are listed below.

Market Risk: Market risk involves the possibility that an investment's current market value will fall because of a general market decline, reducing the value of the investment regardless of the operational success of the issuer's operations or its financial condition.

Strategy Risk: The Adviser's investment strategies and/or investment techniques may not work as intended.

Small and Medium Cap Company Risk: Securities of companies with small and medium market capitalizations are often more volatile and less liquid than investments in larger companies. Small and medium cap companies may face a greater risk of business failure, which could increase the volatility of the client's portfolio.

Interest Rate Risk: Bond (fixed income) prices generally fall when interest rates rise, and the value may fall below par value or the principal investment. The opposite is also generally true: bond prices generally rise when interest rates fall. In general, fixed income securities with longer maturities are more sensitive to these price changes. Most other investments are also sensitive to the level and direction of interest rates.

Legal or Legislative Risk: Legislative changes or Court rulings may impact the value of investments, or the securities' claim on the issuer's assets and finances.

Inflation: Inflation may erode the buying-power of your investment portfolio, even if the dollar value of your investments remains the same.

Socially Conscious Investing: If you require your portfolio to be invested according to socially conscious principles, you should note that returns on investments of this type may be limited and because of this limitation you may not be able to be as well diversified among various asset classes. The number of publicly traded companies that meet socially conscious investment parameters is also limited, and due to this limitation, there is a probability of similarity or overlap of holdings, especially among socially conscious mutual funds or ETFs. Therefore, there could be a more pronounced positive or negative impact on a socially conscious portfolio, which could be more volatile than a fully diversified portfolio.

Risks Associated with Securities

Apart from the general risks outlined above which apply to all types of investments, specific securities may have other risks.

Commercial Paper is, in most cases, an unsecured promissory note that is issued with a maturity of 270 days or less. Being unsecured the risk to the investor is that the issuer may default.

Common stocks may go up and down in price quite dramatically, and in the event of an issuer's bankruptcy or restructuring could lose all value. A slower-growth or recessionary economic environment could have an adverse effect on the price of all stocks.

Corporate Bonds are debt securities to borrow money. Generally, issuers pay investors periodic interest and repay the amount borrowed either periodically during the life of the security and/or at maturity. Alternatively, investors can purchase other debt securities, such as zero coupon bonds, which do not pay current interest, but rather are priced at a discount from their face values and their values accrete over time to face value at maturity. The market prices of debt securities fluctuate depending on such factors as interest rates, credit quality, and maturity. In general, market prices of debt securities decline when interest rates rise and increase when interest rates fall. The longer the time to a bond's maturity, the greater its interest rate risk.

Bank Obligations including bonds and certificates of deposit may be vulnerable to setbacks or panics in the banking industry. Banks and other financial institutions are greatly affected by interest rates and may be adversely affected by downturns in the U.S. and foreign economies or changes in banking regulations.

Municipal Bonds are debt obligations generally issued to obtain funds for various public purposes, including the construction of public facilities. Municipal bonds pay a lower rate of return than most other types of bonds. However, because of a municipal bond's tax-favored status, investors should compare the relative after-tax return to the after-tax return of other bonds, depending on the investor's tax bracket. Investing in municipal bonds carries the same general risks as investing in bonds

in general. Those risks include interest rate risk, reinvestment risk, inflation risk, market risk, call or redemption risk, credit risk, and liquidity and valuation risk.

Options and other derivatives carry many unique risks, including time-sensitivity, and can result in the complete loss of principal. While covered call writing does provide a partial hedge to the stock against which the call is written, the hedge is limited to the amount of cash flow received when writing the option. When selling covered calls, there is a risk the underlying position may be called away at a price lower than the current market price.

Investment Companies Risk. When a client invests in open end mutual funds or ETFs, the client indirectly bears its proportionate share of any fees and expenses payable directly by those funds. Therefore, the client will incur higher expenses, many of which may be duplicative. In addition, the client's overall portfolio may be affected by losses of an underlying fund and the level of risk arising from the investment practices of an underlying fund (such as the use of derivatives). ETFs are also subject to the following risks: (i) an ETF's shares may trade at a market price that is above or below their net asset value; (ii) the ETF may employ an investment strategy that utilizes high leverage ratios; or (iii) trading of an ETF's shares may be halted if the listing exchange's officials deem such action appropriate, the shares are de-listed from the exchange, or the activation of market-wide "circuit breakers" (which are tied to large decreases in stock prices) halts stock trading generally. The Adviser has no control over the risks taken by the underlying funds in which client's invest.

Item 9: Disciplinary Information

Registered investment advisers are required to disclose all material facts regarding any legal or disciplinary events that would be material to your evaluation of Brightwater Financial or the integrity of our management. We have no information applicable to this Item.

Item 10: Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

Catherine Derus currently does not participate in other financial industry activities and is not affiliated with other financial firms.

Recommendations or Selections of Other Investment Advisers

As referenced in Item 4 of this brochure, Brightwater Financial recommends clients to Outside Managers to manage their accounts. In the event that we recommend an Outside Manager, please note that we do not share in their advisory fee. Our fee is separate and in addition to their compensation (as noted in Item 5) and will be described to you prior to engagement. You are not obligated, contractually or otherwise, to use the services of any Outside Manager we recommend. Additionally, Brightwater Financial will only recommend an Outside Manager who is properly licensed or registered as an investment adviser.

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

As a fiduciary, our firm and its associates have a duty of utmost good faith to act solely in the best interests of each client. Our clients entrust us with their funds and personal information, which in turn places a high standard on our conduct and integrity. Our fiduciary duty is a core aspect of our Code of Ethics and represents the expected basis of all of our dealings.

This code does not attempt to identify all possible conflicts of interest, and literal compliance with each of its specific provisions will not shield associated persons from liability for personal trading or other

conduct that violates a fiduciary duty to advisory clients. A summary of the Code of Ethics' Principles is outlined below.

- Integrity - Associated persons shall offer and provide professional services with integrity.
- Objectivity - Associated persons shall be objective in providing professional services to clients.
- Competence - Associated persons shall provide services to clients competently and maintain the necessary knowledge and skill to continue to do so in those areas in which they are engaged.
- Fairness - Associated persons shall perform professional services in a manner that is fair and reasonable to clients, principals, partners, and employers, and shall disclose conflict(s) of interest in providing such services.
- Confidentiality - Associated persons shall not disclose confidential client information without the specific consent of the client unless in response to proper legal process, or as required by law.
- Professionalism - Associated persons' conduct in all matter shall reflect credit of the profession.
- Diligence - Associated persons shall act diligently in providing professional services.

We will, upon request, promptly provide a complete code of ethics.

Our firm and its "related persons" (associates, their immediate family members, etc.) may buy or sell securities the same as, similar to, or different from, those we recommend to clients for their accounts. A recommendation made to one client may be different in nature or in timing from a recommendation made to a different client. Clients often have different objectives and risk tolerances. At no time, however, will our firm or any related party receive preferential treatment over our clients.

In an effort to reduce or eliminate certain conflicts of interest involving the firm or personal trading, our policy may require that we restrict or prohibit associates' transactions in specific securities transactions. Any exceptions or trading pre-clearance must be approved by our Chief Compliance Officer in advance of the transaction in an account, and we maintain the required personal securities transaction records per regulation.

Item 12: Brokerage Practices

Factors Used to Select Custodians and/or Broker-Dealers

Brightwater Financial, LLC does not have any affiliation with Broker-Dealers. Specific custodian recommendations are made to client based on their need for such services. We recommend custodians based on the reputation and services provided by the firm.

1. Research and Other Soft-Dollar Benefits

We currently do not receive soft dollar benefits.

2. Brokerage for Client Referrals

We receive 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

We do recommend a specific custodian for clients to use, however, clients may custody their assets at a custodian of their choice. Clients may also direct us to use a specific broker-dealer to execute transactions. By allowing clients to choose a specific custodian, we may be unable to achieve most favorable execution of client transaction and this may cost clients money over using a lower-cost custodian.

The Custodian and Brokers We Use

Brightwater Financial does not maintain custody of your assets that we manage, although we may be deemed to have custody of your assets if you give us authority to withdraw advisory fees from your account (see Item 15—Custody, below). Your assets must be maintained in an account at a “qualified custodian,” generally a broker-dealer or bank. We may recommend that our clients use MTG, LLC dba Betterment Securities (“Betterment Securities”), a registered broker-dealer, member SIPC, as the qualified custodian. We are independently owned and operated and are not affiliated with Betterment Securities. Betterment Securities will hold your assets in a brokerage account and buy and sell securities when we and/or you instruct them to. While we may recommend that you use Betterment Securities as custodian/broker, you will decide whether to do so and will open your account with Betterment Securities by entering into an account agreement directly with them. We do not open the account for you, although we may assist you in doing so. If you do not wish to place your assets with Betterment Securities, then we cannot manage your account on Betterment Institutional (defined below).

Your Brokerage and Custody Costs

For our clients’ accounts that Betterment Securities maintains, Betterment Securities generally does not charge you separately for custody services, but is compensated as part of the Betterment Institutional (defined below) platform fee, which is a percentage of the dollar amount of assets in the account in lieu of commissions. We have determined that having Betterment Securities execute trades is consistent with our duty to seek “best execution” of your trades. Best execution means the most favorable terms for a transaction based on all relevant factors, including those listed above (see “Factors Used to Select Custodians and/or Broker-Dealers”).

Services Available to Us via Betterment Institutional

Betterment Securities serves as broker dealer to Betterment Institutional, an investment and advice platform serving independent investment advisory firms like us (“Betterment Institutional”). Betterment Institutional also makes available various support services which may not be available to Betterment’s retail customers. Some of those services help us manage or administer our clients’ accounts, while others help us manage and grow our business. Betterment Institutional’s support services are generally available on an unsolicited basis (we don’t have to request them) and at no charge to us. Following is a more detailed description of Betterment Institutional’s support services:

1. **SERVICES THAT BENEFIT YOU.** Betterment Institutional includes access to a range of investment products, execution of securities transactions, and custody of client assets through Betterment Securities. Betterment Securities’ services described in this paragraph generally benefit you and your account.
2. **SERVICES THAT MAY NOT DIRECTLY BENEFIT YOU.** Betterment Institutional also makes available to us other products and services that benefit us, but may not directly benefit you or your account. These products and services assist us in managing and administering our clients’ accounts, such as software and technology that may:
 - a. Assist with back-office functions, recordkeeping, and client reporting of our clients’ accounts.
 - b. Provide access to client account data (such as duplicate trade confirmations and account statements).
 - c. Provide pricing and other market data.
 - d. Assist with back-office functions, recordkeeping, and client reporting.
3. **SERVICES THAT GENERALLY BENEFIT ONLY US.** By using Betterment Institutional, we will be offered other services intended to help us manage and further develop our business enterprise. These services include:
 - a. Educational conferences and events.
 - b. Consulting on technology, compliance, legal, and business needs.
 - c. Publications and conferences on practice management and business succession.

Our Interest in Betterment Securities’ Services

The availability of these services from Betterment Institutional benefits us because we do not have to produce or purchase them. In addition, we don’t have to pay for Betterment Securities’ services. These services may be contingent upon us committing a certain amount of business to Betterment Securities in assets in custody. We may have an incentive to recommend that you maintain your account with Betterment Securities, based on our interest in receiving Betterment Institutional and Betterment

Securities' services that benefit our business rather than based on your interest in receiving the best value in custody services and the most favorable execution of your transactions. This is a potential conflict of interest. We believe, however, that our selection of Betterment Securities as custodian and broker is in the best interests of our clients. Our selection is primarily supported by the scope, quality, and price of Betterment Securities' services and not Betterment Institutional and Betterment Securities' services that benefit only us.

Aggregating (Block) Trading for Multiple Client Accounts

Outside Managers used by Brightwater Financial may block client trades at their discretion. Their specific practices are further discussed in their ADV Part 2A, Item 12.

Item 13: Review of Accounts

Catherine Derus, Managing Member and CCO of Brightwater Financial, will work with clients to obtain current information regarding their assets and investment holdings and will review this information as part of our financial planning services. Brightwater Financial does not provide specific reports to clients, other than financial plans.

Client accounts with the Investment Advisory Service will be reviewed regularly on a quarterly basis by Catherine Derus, Managing Member and CCO. During the regular review the account's performance is compared against like-managed accounts to identify any unacceptable performance deviation. Additionally, reasonable client imposed restrictions will be reviewed to confirm that they are being enforced. Events that may trigger a special review would be unusual performance, addition or deletions of client imposed restrictions, excessive draw-down, volatility in performance, or buy and sell decisions from the firm or per client's needs.

Clients will receive trade confirmations from the broker(s) for each transaction in their accounts as well as monthly or quarterly statements and annual tax reporting statements from their custodian showing all activity in the accounts, such as receipt of dividends and interest.

Brightwater Financial will provide written reports to Investment Management clients on a quarterly basis. We urge clients to compare these reports against the account statements they receive from their custodian.

Brightwater Financial will not provide written reports to Investment Management clients.

Item 14: Client Referrals and Other Compensation

We do not receive any economic benefit, directly or indirectly from any third party for advice rendered to our clients. Nor do we directly or indirectly compensate any person who is not advisory personnel for client referrals.

We receive a non-economic benefit from Betterment Institutional and Betterment Securities in the form of the support products and services it makes available to us and other independent investment advisors whose clients maintain their accounts at Betterment Securities. These products and services, how they benefit us, and the related conflicts of interest are described above (see Item 12—Brokerage Practices). The availability to us of Betterment Institutional and Betterment Securities' products and services is not based on us giving particular investment advice, such as buying particular securities for our clients.

Item 15: Custody

Clients should receive at least quarterly statements from the broker dealer, bank or other qualified custodian that holds and maintains client's investment assets.

For Betterment Institutional accounts, Betterment Securities maintains actual custody of your assets. Your statements will be available for you to review on the activity section of your Betterment Institutional account portal. You will also receive account statements directly from Betterment Securities at least quarterly at www.bettermentsecurities.com. You should carefully review those statements promptly.

Item 16: Investment Discretion

We use Outside Managers for investment management, and therefore do not exercise discretion.

Item 17: Voting Client Securities

Brightwater Financial does not vote Client proxies. Therefore, Clients maintain exclusive responsibility for: (1) voting proxies, and (2) acting on corporate actions pertaining to the Client's investment assets. The Client shall instruct the Client's qualified custodian to forward to the Client copies of all proxies and shareholder communications relating to the Client's investment assets. If the client would like our opinion on a particular proxy vote, they may contact us at the number listed on the cover of this brochure.

In most cases, you will receive proxy materials directly from the account custodian. However, in the event we were to receive any written or electronic proxy materials, we would forward them directly to you by mail, unless you have authorized our firm to contact you by electronic mail, in which case, we would forward you any electronic solicitation to vote proxies.

Item 18: Financial Information

Registered investment advisers are required in this Item to provide you with certain financial information or disclosures about our financial condition. We have no financial commitment that impairs our ability to meet contractual and fiduciary commitments to clients, and we have not been the subject of a bankruptcy proceeding.

We do not have custody of client funds or securities or require or solicit prepayment of more than \$500 in fees per client six months in advance.

Item 19: Requirements for State-Registered Advisers

Catherine Misterka Derus

Born: 1984

Educational Background

- 2007 – Master of Accounting, Saint Louis University
- 2006 – Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Saint Louis University

Business Experience

- 01/2015 – Present, Brightwater Financial, LLC, Managing Member and CCO
- 08/2016 – Present, Brightwater Accounting, LLC, Managing Member
- 10/2016 – Present, FA Bean Counters, LLC, Accounting Manager
- 09/2010 – Present, Fiscally Chic, Founder
- 10/2011 – 10/2016, World Kitchen, LLC, Associate Manager of Financial Reporting
- 12/2009 – 10/2011, McGladrey, LLP, Senior Associate

Professional Designations, Licensing & Exams

Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination - (Series 65) (NASAA)

Certified Public Accountant (CPA) is a professional designation or title for those qualified accountants in the United States who have passed the Uniform Certified Accountant Examination and have met additional education and experience requirements for certification as a CPA. Although the CPA exam is "uniform," licensing and certification requirements are determined by respective state law. Eligibility to sit for the CPA exam is determined by individual State Boards of Accountancy and typically requires a bachelor's degree that includes a minimum number of qualifying credit hours in accounting and business administration with an additional one year study (often known as the "150 hours rule" or five years of study).

Other Business Activities

Catherine Derus is currently employed as Accounting Manager at FA Bean Counters, LLC. This activity accounts for approximately 50% of her time.

Catherine Derus also owns a tax preparation and accounting firm, Brightwater Accounting, LLC and may receive compensation for providing these services. This activity accounts for about 15% of Catherine's time.

Performance Based Fees

Brightwater Financial is not compensated by performance-based fees.

Material Disciplinary Disclosures

No management person at Brightwater Financial, LLC has ever been involved in an arbitration claim of any kind or been found liable in a civil, self-regulatory organization, or administrative proceeding.

Material Relationships That Management Persons Have With Issuers of Securities

Brightwater Financial, LLC, nor Catherine Derus, have any relationship or arrangement with issuers of securities.

Additional Compensation

Catherine Derus does not receive any economic benefit from any person, company, or organization, in exchange for providing clients advisory services through Brightwater Financial.

Supervision

Catherine Derus, as Managing Member and Chief Compliance Officer of Brightwater Financial, is responsible for supervision. She may be contacted at the phone number on this brochure supplement.

Requirements for State Registered Advisers

Catherine Derus has NOT been involved in an arbitration, civil proceeding, self-regulatory proceeding, administrative proceeding, or a bankruptcy petition.