

UNIFORM APPLICATION FOR INVESTMENT ADVISER REGISTRATION AND REPORT BY EXEMPT REPORTING ADVISERS

WARNING: Complete this form truthfully. False statements or omissions may result in denial of your application, revocation of your registration, or criminal prosecution. You must keep this form updated by filing periodic amendments. See Form ADV General Instruction 4.

Responses to this Item tell us who you are, where you are doing business, and how we can contact you. If you are filing an *umbrella registration*, the information in Item 1 should be provided for the *filing adviser* only. General Instruction 5 provides information to assist you with filing an *umbrella registration*.

(5) What is the total number of offices, other than your *principal office and place of business*, at which you conduct investment advisory business as of

the end of your most recently completed fiscal year?

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Mailing address, if different from your *principal office and place of business* address:

Number and Street 1:

City:

State:

Number and Street 2:

Country:

ZIP+4/Postal Code:

If this address is a private residence, check this box:

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H.

If you are a sole proprietor, state your full residence address, if different from your *principal office and place of business* address in Item 1.F.:

Number and Street 1:

City:

State:

Number and Street 2:

Country:

ZIP+4/Postal Code:

Yes

No

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Do you have one or more websites or accounts on publicly available social media platforms (including, but not limited to, Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn)?

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If "yes," list all firm website addresses and the address for each of the firm's accounts on publicly available social media platforms on Section 1.I. of Schedule D. If a website address serves as a portal through which to access other information you have published on the web, you may list the portal without listing addresses for all of the other information. You may need to list more than one portal address. Do not provide the addresses of websites or accounts on publicly available social media platforms where you do not control the content. Do not provide the individual electronic mail (e-mail) addresses of employees or the addresses of employee accounts on publicly available social media platforms.

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Chief Compliance Officer

(1) Provide the name and contact information of your Chief Compliance Officer. If you are an *exempt reporting adviser*, you must provide the contact information for your Chief Compliance Officer, if you have one. If not, you must complete Item 1.K. below.

Name:

Telephone number:

Number and Street 1:

City:

Other titles, if any:

Facsimile number, if any:

Number and Street 2:

Country:

ZIP+4/Postal Code:

Electronic mail (e-mail) address, if Chief Compliance Officer has one:

(2) If your Chief Compliance Officer is compensated or employed by any *person* other than you, a *related person* or an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 that you advise for providing chief compliance officer services to you, provide the *person's* name and IRS Employer Identification Number (if any):

Name:

IRS Employer Identification Number:

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Additional Regulatory Contact Person: If a person other than the Chief Compliance Officer is authorized to receive information and respond to questions about this Form ADV, you may provide that information here.

Name:

Telephone number:

Number and Street 1:

City:

Titles:

Facsimile number, if any:

Number and Street 2:

Country:

ZIP+4/Postal Code:

Electronic mail (e-mail) address, if contact person has one:

Yes

No

L.

Do you maintain some or all of the books and records you are required to keep under Section 204 of the Advisers Act, or similar state law, somewhere other than your *principal office and place of business*?

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If "yes," complete Section 1.L. of Schedule D.

Yes

No

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Are you registered with a *foreign financial regulatory authority*?

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Answer "no" if you are not registered with a foreign financial regulatory authority, even if you have an affiliate that is registered with a foreign financial regulatory authority. If "yes," complete Section 1.M. of Schedule D.

Yes

No

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Are you a public reporting company under Sections 12 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934?

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Yes

No

O.

Did you have \$1 billion or more in assets on the last day of your most recent fiscal year?

If yes, what is the approximate amount of your assets:

☐ \$1 billion to less than \$10 billion

☐ \$10 billion to less than \$50 billion

☐ \$50 billion or more

For purposes of Item 1.O. only, "assets" refers to your total assets, rather than the assets you manage on behalf of clients. Determine your total assets using the total assets shown on the balance sheet for your most recent fiscal year end.

P. Provide your *Legal Entity Identifier* if you have one:

A legal entity identifier is a unique number that companies use to identify each other in the financial marketplace. You may not have a *legal entity identifier*.

SECTION 1.B. Other Business Names

No Information Filed

SECTION 1.F. Other Offices

No Information Filed

SECTION 1.I. Website Addresses

List your website addresses, including addresses for accounts on publicly available social media platforms where you control the content (including, but not limited to, Twitter, Facebook and/or LinkedIn). You must complete a separate Schedule D Section 1.I. for each website or account on a publicly available social media platform.

Address of Website/Account on Publicly Available Social Media Platform: [HTTP://WWW.myCSCM.COM](http://WWW.myCSCM.COM)

SECTION 1.L. Location of Books and Records

No Information Filed

SECTION 1.M. Registration with Foreign Financial Regulatory Authorities

No Information Filed

Item 3 Form of Organization

If you are filing an *umbrella registration*, the information in Item 3 should be provided for the *filing adviser* only.

A. How are you organized?

- ☐ Corporation
- ☐ Sole Proprietorship
- ☐ Limited Liability Partnership (LLP)
- ☐ Partnership
- ☒ Limited Liability Company (LLC)
- ☐ Limited Partnership (LP)
- ☐ Other (specify):

If you are changing your response to this Item, see Part 1A Instruction 4.

B. In what month does your fiscal year end each year?

DECEMBER

C. Under the laws of what state or country are you organized?

State	Country
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Kansas United States

If you are a partnership, provide the name of the state or country under whose laws your partnership was formed. If you are a sole proprietor, provide the name of the state or country where you reside.

If you are changing your response to this Item, see Part 1A Instruction 4.

Item 4 Successions

A. Are you, at the time of this filing, succeeding to the business of a registered investment adviser, including, for example, a change of your structure or legal status (e.g., form of organization or state of incorporation)?

Yes No



If "yes", complete Item 4.B. and Section 4 of Schedule D.

B. Date of Succession: (MM/DD/YYYY)

If you have already reported this succession on a previous Form ADV filing, do not report the succession again. Instead, check "No." See Part 1A Instruction 4.

SECTION 4 Successions

No Information Filed

Item 5 Information About Your Advisory Business - Employees, Clients, and Compensation

Responses to this Item help us understand your business, assist us in preparing for on-site examinations, and provide us with data we use when making regulatory policy. Part 1A Instruction 5.a. provides additional guidance to newly formed advisers for completing this Item 5.

Employees

If you are organized as a sole proprietorship, include yourself as an employee in your responses to Item 5.A. and Items 5.B.(1), (2), (3), (4), and (5). If an employee performs more than one function, you should count that employee in each of your responses to Items 5.B.(1), (2), (3), (4), and (5).

A. Approximately how many *employees* do you have? Include full- and part-time *employees* but do not include any clerical workers.

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B. (1) Approximately how many of the *employees* reported in 5.A. perform investment advisory functions (including research)?

1

(2) Approximately how many of the *employees* reported in 5.A. are registered representatives of a broker-dealer?

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(3) Approximately how many of the *employees* reported in 5.A. are registered with one or more *state securities authorities* as *investment adviser representatives*?

1

(4) Approximately how many of the *employees* reported in 5.A. are registered with one or more *state securities authorities* as *investment adviser representatives* for an investment adviser other than you?

0

(5) Approximately how many of the *employees* reported in 5.A. are licensed agents of an insurance company or agency?

0

(6) Approximately how many firms or other *persons* solicit advisory *clients* on your behalf?

0

In your response to Item 5.B.(6), do not count any of your employees and count a firm only once – do not count each of the firm's employees that solicit on your behalf.

Clients

In your responses to Items 5.C. and 5.D. do not include as "clients" the investors in a private fund you advise, unless you have a separate advisory relationship with those investors.

C. (1) To approximately how many *clients* for whom you do not have regulatory assets under management did you provide investment advisory services during your most recently completed fiscal year?

0

(2) Approximately what percentage of your *clients* are non-United States persons?

0%

D. For purposes of this Item 5.D., the category "individuals" includes trusts, estates, and 401(k) plans and IRAs of individuals and their family members, but does not include businesses organized as sole proprietorships.

The category "business development companies" consists of companies that have made an election pursuant to section 54 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Unless you provide advisory services pursuant to an investment advisory contract to an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, do not answer (1)(d) or (3)(d) below.

Indicate the approximate number of your *clients* and amount of your total regulatory assets under management (reported in Item 5.F. below) attributable to each of the following type of *client*. If you have fewer than 5 *clients* in a particular category (other than (d), (e), and (f)) you may check Item 5.D.(2) rather than respond to Item 5.D.(1).

The aggregate amount of regulatory assets under management reported in Item 5.D.(3) should equal the total amount of regulatory assets under management reported in Item 5.F.(2)(c) below.

If a *client* fits into more than one category, select one category that most accurately represents the *client* to avoid double counting *clients* and assets. If you advise a registered investment company, business development company, or pooled investment vehicle, report those assets in categories (d), (e), and (f) as applicable.

Type of <i>Client</i>	(1) Number of <i>Client(s)</i>	(2) Fewer than 5 <i>Clients</i>	(3) Amount of Regulatory Assets under Management
(a) Individuals (other than <i>high net worth individuals</i>)	3	☐	\$ 457,942
(b) <i>High net worth individuals</i>	3	☐	\$ 6,903,695
(c) Banking or thrift institutions		☐	\$
(d) Investment companies			\$
(e) Business development companies			\$
(f) Pooled investment vehicles (other than investment companies and business development companies)			\$
(g) Pension and profit sharing plans (but not the plan participants or government pension plans)	0	☐	\$ 0
(h) Charitable organizations		☐	\$
(i) State or municipal <i>government entities</i> (including government pension plans)		☐	\$
(j) Other investment advisers		☐	\$
(k) Insurance companies		☐	\$
(l) Sovereign wealth funds and foreign official institutions		☐	\$
(m) Corporations or other businesses not listed above	1	☐	\$ 6,340,553
(n) Other:		☐	\$

Compensation Arrangements

E. You are compensated for your investment advisory services by (check all that apply):

- ☒ (1) A percentage of assets under your management
- ☐ (2) Hourly charges
- ☐ (3) Subscription fees (for a newsletter or periodical)
- ☐ (4) Fixed fees (other than subscription fees)
- ☐ (5) Commissions
- ☒ (6) *Performance-based fees*
- ☐ (7) Other (specify):

Item 5 Information About Your Advisory Business - Regulatory Assets Under Management

Regulatory Assets Under Management

YesNo

F. (1) Do you provide continuous and regular supervisory or management services to securities portfolios?

(2) If yes, what is the amount of your regulatory assets under management and total number of accounts?

U.S. Dollar Amount

Total Number of Accounts

Discretionary:

(a) \$ 13,702,190

(d) 7

Non-Discretionary:

(b) \$ 0

(e) 0

Total:

(c) \$ 13,702,190

(f) 7

Part 1A Instruction 5.b. explains how to calculate your regulatory assets under management. You must follow these instructions carefully when completing this Item.

(3) What is the approximate amount of your total regulatory assets under management (reported in Item 5.F.(2)(c) above) attributable to *clients* who are non-United States persons?

\$ 0

Item 5 Information About Your Advisory Business - Advisory Activities

Advisory Activities

- G. What type(s) of advisory services do you provide? Check all that apply.
- ☐ (1) Financial planning services
- ☒ (2) Portfolio management for individuals and/or small businesses
- ☐ (3) Portfolio management for investment companies (as well as "business development companies" that have made an election pursuant to section 54 of the Investment Company Act of 1940)
- ☐ (4) Portfolio management for pooled investment vehicles (other than investment companies)
- ☒ (5) Portfolio management for businesses (other than small businesses) or institutional *clients* (other than registered investment companies and other pooled investment vehicles)
- ☐ (6) Pension consulting services
- ☐ (7) Selection of other advisers (including *private fund* managers)
- ☐ (8) Publication of periodicals or newsletters
- ☐ (9) Security ratings or pricing services
- ☐ (10) Market timing services
- ☐ (11) Educational seminars/workshops
- ☐ (12) Other(specify):

Do not check Item 5.G.(3) unless you provide advisory services pursuant to an investment advisory contract to an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, including as a subadviser. If you check Item 5.G.(3), report the 811 or 814 number of the investment company or investment companies to which you provide advice in Section 5.G.(3) of Schedule D.

- H. If you provide financial planning services, to how many *clients* did you provide these services during your last fiscal year?
- ☐ 0
- ☐ 1 - 10
- ☐ 11 - 25
- ☐ 26 - 50
- ☐ 51 - 100
- ☐ 101 - 250
- ☐ 251 - 500
- ☐ More than 500
- If more than 500, how many?
(round to the nearest 500)

In your responses to this Item 5.H., do not include as "clients" the investors in a private fund you advise, unless you have a separate advisory relationship with those investors.

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(1) Do you participate in a *wrap fee program*?

Yes

No

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- (2) If you participate in a *wrap fee program*, what is the amount of your regulatory assets under management attributable to acting as:

(a) *sponsor* to a *wrap fee program*

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(b) portfolio manager for a *wrap fee program*?

\$

(c) *sponsor* to and portfolio manager for the same *wrap fee program*?

\$

If you report an amount in Item 5.I.(2)(c), do not report that amount in Item 5.I.(2)(a) or Item 5.I.(2)(b).

If you are a portfolio manager for a wrap fee program, list the names of the programs, their sponsors and related information in Section 5.I.(2) of Schedule D.

If your involvement in a wrap fee program is limited to recommending wrap fee programs to your clients, or you advise a mutual fund that is offered through a wrap fee program, do not check Item 5.I.(1) or enter any amounts in response to Item 5.I.(2).

- Yes

No

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(1) In response to Item 4.B. of Part 2A of Form ADV, do you indicate that you provide investment advice only with respect to limited types of investments?

Yes

No

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- (2) Do you report *client* assets in Item 4.E. of Part 2A that are computed using a different method than the method used to compute your regulatory assets under management?

Yes

No

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Separately Managed Account *Clients*

Yes

No

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- (1) Do you have regulatory assets under management attributable to *clients* other than those listed in Item 5.D.(3)(d)-(f) (separately managed account *clients*)?

Yes

No

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If yes, complete Section 5.K.(1) of Schedule D.

(2) Do you engage in borrowing transactions on behalf of any of the separately managed account *clients* that you advise?



If yes, complete Section 5.K.(2) of Schedule D.

(3) Do you engage in derivative transactions on behalf of any of the separately managed account *clients* that you advise?



If yes, complete Section 5.K.(2) of Schedule D.

(4) After subtracting the amounts in Item 5.D.(3)(d)-(f) above from your total regulatory assets under management, does any custodian hold ten percent or more of this remaining amount of regulatory assets under management?



If yes, complete Section 5.K.(3) of Schedule D for each custodian.

L. Marketing Activities

Yes No

(1) Do any of your *advertisements* include:

(a) Performance results?



(b) A reference to specific investment advice provided by you (as that phrase is used in rule 206(4)-1(a)(5))?



(c) *Testimonials* (other than those that satisfy rule 206(4)-1(b)(4)(ii))?



(d) *Endorsements* (other than those that satisfy rule 206(4)-1(b)(4)(ii))?



(e) *Third-party ratings?*



(2) If you answer "yes" to L(1)(c), (d), or (e) above, do you pay or otherwise provide cash or non-cash compensation, directly or indirectly, in connection with the use of *testimonials*, *endorsements*, or *third-party ratings*?



(3) Do any of your *advertisements* include *hypothetical performance* ?



(4) Do any of your *advertisements* include *predecessor performance* ?



SECTION 5.G.(3) Advisers to Registered Investment Companies and Business Development Companies

No Information Filed

SECTION 5.1.(2) *Wrap Fee Programs*

No Information Filed

SECTION 5.K.(1) Separately Managed Accounts

After subtracting the amounts reported in Item 5.D.(3)(d)-(f) from your total regulatory assets under management, indicate the approximate percentage of this remaining amount attributable to each of the following categories of assets. If the remaining amount is at least \$10 billion in regulatory assets under management, complete Question (a). If the remaining amount is less than \$10 billion in regulatory assets under management, complete Question (b).

Any regulatory assets under management reported in Item 5.D.(3)(d), (e), and (f) should not be reported below.

If you are a subadviser to a separately managed account, you should only provide information with respect to the portion of the account that you subadvise.

End of year refers to the date used to calculate your regulatory assets under management for purposes of your *annual updating amendment* . Mid-year is the date six months before the end of year date. Each column should add up to 100% and numbers should be rounded to the nearest percent.

Investments in derivatives, registered investment companies, business development companies, and pooled investment vehicles should be reported in those categories. Do not report those investments based on related or underlying portfolio assets. Cash equivalents include bank deposits, certificates of deposit, bankers' acceptances and similar bank instruments.

Some assets could be classified into more than one category or require discretion about which category applies. You may use your own internal methodologies and the conventions of your service providers in determining how to categorize assets, so long as the methodologies or conventions are consistently applied and consistent with information you report internally and to current and prospective clients. However, you should not double count assets, and your responses must be consistent with any instructions or other guidance relating to this Section.

(a)	Asset Type	Mid-year	End of year
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(i)	Exchange-Traded Equity Securities	%	%
(ii)	Non Exchange-Traded Equity Securities	%	%
(iii)	U.S. Government/Agency Bonds	%	%
(iv)	U.S. State and Local Bonds	%	%
(v)	<i>Sovereign Bonds</i>	%	%
(vi)	Investment Grade Corporate Bonds	%	%
(vii)	Non-Investment Grade Corporate Bonds	%	%
(viii)	Derivatives	%	%
(ix)	Securities Issued by Registered Investment Companies or Business Development Companies	%	%
(x)	Securities Issued by Pooled Investment Vehicles (other than Registered Investment Companies or Business Development Companies)	%	%
(xi)	Cash and Cash Equivalents	%	%
(xii)	Other	%	%

Generally describe any assets included in "Other"

(b)

Asset Type	End of year
(i) Exchange-Traded Equity Securities	43 %
(ii) Non Exchange-Traded Equity Securities	0 %
(iii) U.S. Government/Agency Bonds	3 %
(iv) U.S. State and Local Bonds	24 %
(v) <i>Sovereign Bonds</i>	0 %
(vi) Investment Grade Corporate Bonds	21 %
(vii) Non-Investment Grade Corporate Bonds	0 %
(viii) Derivatives	0 %
(ix) Securities Issued by Registered Investment Companies or Business Development Companies	2 %
(x) Securities Issued by Pooled Investment Vehicles (other than Registered Investment Companies or Business Development Companies)	0 %
(xi) Cash and Cash Equivalents	7 %
(xii) Other	0 %

Generally describe any assets included in "Other"

SECTION 5.K.(2) Separately Managed Accounts - Use of *Borrowings*and Derivatives

☒ No information is required to be reported in this Section 5.K.(2) per the instructions of this Section 5.K.(2)

If your regulatory assets under management attributable to separately managed accounts are at least \$10 billion, you should complete Question (a). If your regulatory assets under management attributable to separately managed accounts are at least \$500 million but less than \$10 billion, you should complete Question (b).

(a) In the table below, provide the following information regarding the separately managed accounts you advise. If you are a subadviser to a separately managed account, you should only provide information with respect to the portion of the account that you subadvise. End of year refers to the date used to calculate your regulatory assets under management for purposes of your *annual updating amendment*. Mid-year is the date six months before the end of year date.

In column 1, indicate the regulatory assets under management attributable to separately managed accounts associated with each level of gross notional exposure. For purposes of this table, the gross notional exposure of an account is the percentage obtained by dividing (i) the sum of (a) the dollar amount of any *borrowings* and (b) the *gross notional value* of all derivatives, by (ii) the regulatory assets under management of the account.

In column 2, provide the dollar amount of *borrowings* for the accounts included in column 1.

In column 3, provide aggregate *gross notional value* of derivatives divided by the aggregate regulatory assets under management of the accounts included in column 1 with respect to each category of derivatives specified in 3(a) through (f).

You may, but are not required to, complete the table with respect to any separately managed account with regulatory assets under management of less than \$10,000,000.

Any regulatory assets under management reported in Item 5.D.(3)(d), (e), and (f) should not be reported below.

(i) Mid-Year

Gross Notional Exposure	(1) Regulatory Assets Under Management	(2) Borrowings	(3) Derivative Exposures					
			(a) Interest Rate Derivative	(b) Foreign Exchange Derivative	(c) Credit Derivative	(d) Equity Derivative	(e) Commodity Derivative	(f) Other Derivative
Less than 10 %	\$	\$	%	%	%	%	%	%
10-149 %	\$	\$	%	%	%	%	%	%
150 % or more	\$	\$	%	%	%	%	%	%

Optional: Use the space below to provide a narrative description of the strategies and/or manner in which *borrowings* and derivatives are used in the management of the separately managed accounts that you advise.

(ii) End of Year

Gross Notional Exposure	(1) Regulatory Assets Under Management	(2) Borrowings	(3) Derivative Exposures					
			(a) Interest Rate Derivative	(b) Foreign Exchange Derivative	(c) Credit Derivative	(d) Equity Derivative	(e) Commodity Derivative	(f) Other Derivative
Less than 10 %	\$	\$	%	%	%	%	%	%
10-149 %	\$	\$	%	%	%	%	%	%
150 % or more	\$	\$	%	%	%	%	%	%

Optional: Use the space below to provide a narrative description of the strategies and/or manner in which *borrowings* and derivatives are used in the management of the separately managed accounts that you advise.

(b) In the table below, provide the following information regarding the separately managed accounts you advise as of the date used to calculate your regulatory assets under management for purposes of your *annual updating amendment*. If you are a subadviser to a separately managed account, you should only provide information with respect to the portion of the account that you subadvise.

In column 1, indicate the regulatory assets under management attributable to separately managed accounts associated with each level of gross notional exposure. For purposes of this table, the gross notional exposure of an account is the percentage obtained by dividing (i) the sum of (a) the dollar amount of any *borrowings* and (b) the *gross notional value* of all derivatives, by (ii) the regulatory assets under management of the account.

In column 2, provide the dollar amount of *borrowings* for the accounts included in column 1.

You may, but are not required to, complete the table with respect to any separately managed accounts with regulatory assets under management of less than \$10,000,000.

Any regulatory assets under management reported in Item 5.D.(3)(d), (e), and (f) should not be reported below.

Gross Notional Exposure	(1) Regulatory Assets Under Management	(2) Borrowings
Less than 10 %	\$	\$
10-149 %	\$	\$
150 % or more	\$	\$

Optional: Use the space below to provide a narrative description of the strategies and/or manner in which *borrowings* and derivatives are used in the management of the separately managed accounts that you advise.

SECTION 5.K.(3) Custodians for Separately Managed Accounts

Complete a separate Schedule D Section 5.K.(3) for each custodian that holds ten percent or more of your aggregate separately managed account regulatory assets under management.

- (a)

Legal name of custodian:
HILLTOP SECURITIES INC.
- (b)

Primary business name of custodian:
HILLTOP SECURITIES INC.
- (c)

The location(s) of the custodian's office(s) responsible for *custody* of the assets :

City:

State:

Country:

DALLAS

Texas

United States

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(2)

other investment adviser (including financial planners)
- ☐

(3)

registered municipal advisor
- ☐

(4)

registered security-based swap dealer
- ☐

(5)

major security-based swap participant
- ☐

(6)

commodity pool operator or commodity trading advisor (whether registered or exempt from registration)
- ☐

(7)

futures commission merchant
- ☐

(8)

banking or thrift institution
- ☐

(9)

trust company
- ☐

(10)

accountant or accounting firm
- ☐

(11)

lawyer or law firm
- ☐

(12)

insurance company or agency
- ☐

(13)

pension consultant
- ☐

(14)

real estate broker or dealer
- ☐

(15)

sponsor or syndicator of limited partnerships (or equivalent), excluding pooled investment vehicles
- ☐

(16)

sponsor, general partner, managing member (or equivalent) of pooled investment vehicles

Note that Item 7.A. should not be used to disclose that some of your employees perform investment advisory functions or are registered representatives of a broker-dealer. The number of your firm's employees who perform investment advisory functions should be disclosed under Item 5.B.(1). The number of your firm's employees who are registered representatives of a broker-dealer should be disclosed under Item 5.B.(2).

Note that if you are filing an umbrella registration, you should not check Item 7.A.(2) with respect to your relying advisers, and you do not have to complete Section 7.A. in Schedule D for your relying advisers. You should complete a Schedule R for each relying adviser.

For each related person, including foreign affiliates that may not be registered or required to be registered in the United States, complete Section 7.A. of Schedule D.

You do not need to complete Section 7.A. of Schedule D for any related person if: (1) you have no business dealings with the related person in connection with advisory services you provide to your clients; (2) you do not conduct shared operations with the related person; (3) you do not refer clients or business to the related person, and the related person does not refer prospective clients or business to you; (4) you do not share supervised persons or premises with the related person; and (5) you have no reason to believe that your relationship with the related person otherwise creates a conflict of interest with your clients.

You must complete Section 7.A. of Schedule D for each related person acting as qualified custodian in connection with advisory services you provide to your clients (other than any mutual fund transfer agent pursuant to rule 206(4)-2(b)(1)), regardless of whether you have determined the related person to be operationally independent under rule 206(4)-2 of the Advisers Act.

SECTION 7.A. Financial Industry Affiliations

Complete a separate Schedule D Section 7.A. for each *related person* listed in Item 7.A.

1.

Legal Name of *Related Person*:

CENTRAL STATES CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC
2.

Primary Business Name of *Related Person*:

CENTRAL STATES CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC
3.

Related Person's SEC File Number (if any) (e.g., 801-, 8-, 866-, 802-)

801 - 79295

or

Other
4.

Related Person's

(a)

CRD Number (if any):

155291

(b)

CIK Number(s) (if any):

No Information Filed
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Related Person is: (check all that apply)

(a)

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broker-dealer, municipal securities dealer, or government securities broker or dealer

(b)

☒

other investment adviser (including financial planners)

(c)

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registered municipal advisor

(d)

☐

registered security-based swap dealer

(e)

☐

major security-based swap participant

(f)

☐

commodity pool operator or commodity trading advisor (whether registered or exempt from registration)

(g)

☐

futures commission merchant

(h)

☐

banking or thrift institution

(i)

☐

trust company

(j)

☐

accountant or accounting firm

(k)

☐

lawyer or law firm

(l)

☐

insurance company or agency

(m)

☐

pension consultant

- | | Yes | No |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 6. Do you <i>control</i> or are you <i>controlled</i> by the <i>related person</i> ? | ☒ | ☐ |
| 7. Are you and the <i>related person</i> under common <i>control</i> ? | ☒ | ☐ |
| 8. (a) Does the <i>related person</i> act as a qualified custodian for your <i>clients</i> in connection with advisory services you provide to <i>clients</i> ? | ☐ | ☒ |
| (b) If you are registering or registered with the SEC and you have answered "yes," to question 8.(a) above, have you overcome the presumption that you are not operationally independent (pursuant to rule 206(4)-2(d)(5)) from the <i>related person</i> and thus are not required to obtain a surprise examination for your <i>clients'</i> funds or securities that are maintained at the <i>related person</i> ? | ☐ | ☐ |
| (c) If you have answered "yes" to question 8.(a) above, provide the location of the <i>related person's</i> office responsible for <i>custody</i> of your <i>clients'</i> assets: | | |
| Number and Street 1: | | Number and Street 2: |
| City: | State: | Country: |
| ZIP+4/Postal Code: | | |
| If this address is a private residence, check this box: ☐ | | |
| | Yes | No |
| 9. (a) If the <i>related person</i> is an investment adviser, is it exempt from registration? | ☐ | ☒ |
| (b) If the answer is yes, under what exemption? | | |
| 10. (a) Is the <i>related person</i> registered with a <i>foreign financial regulatory authority</i> ? | ☐ | ☒ |
| (b) If the answer is yes, list the name and country, in English of each <i>foreign financial regulatory authority</i> with which the <i>related person</i> is registered. | | |
| No Information Filed | | |
| 11. Do you and the <i>related person</i> share any <i>supervised persons</i> ? | ☒ | ☐ |
| 12. Do you and the <i>related person</i> share the same physical location? | ☒ | ☐ |

B. Are you an adviser to any *private fund*?

If "yes," then for each private fund that you advise, you must complete a Section 7.B.(1) of Schedule D, except in certain circumstances described in the next sentence and in Instruction 6 of the Instructions to Part 1A. If you are registered or applying for registration with the SEC or reporting as an SEC exempt reporting adviser, and another SEC-registered adviser or SEC exempt reporting adviser reports this information with respect to any such private fund in Section 7.B.(1) of Schedule D of its Form ADV (e.g., if you are a subadviser), do not complete Section 7.B.(1) of Schedule D with respect to that private fund. You must, instead, complete Section 7.B.(2) of Schedule D.

In either case, if you seek to preserve the anonymity of a private fund client by maintaining its identity in your books and records in numerical or alphabetical code, or similar designation, pursuant to rule 204-2(d), you may identify the private fund in Section 7.B.(1) or 7.B.(2) of Schedule D using the same code or designation in place of the fund's name.

No Information Filed

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In this Item, we request information about your participation and interest in your *clients'* transactions. This information identifies additional areas in which conflicts of interest may occur between you and your *clients*. Newly-formed advisers should base responses to these questions on the types of participation and interest that you expect to engage in during the next year.

Like Item 7, Item 8 requires you to provide information about you and your *related persons*, including foreign affiliates.

A. Do you or any <i>related person</i> :		Yes	No
(1)	buy securities for yourself from advisory <i>clients</i> , or sell securities you own to advisory <i>clients</i> (principal transactions)?	☒	☐
(2)	buy or sell for yourself securities (other than shares of mutual funds) that you also recommend to advisory <i>clients</i> ?	☐	☒

(3)

recommend securities (or other investment products) to advisory *clients* in which you or any *related person* has some other proprietary (ownership) interest (other than those mentioned in Items 8.A.(1) or (2))?

Sales Interest in *Client* Transactions

B.

Do you or any *related person*:

Yes

No

(1)

as a broker-dealer or registered representative of a broker-dealer, execute securities trades for brokerage customers in which advisory *client* securities are sold to or bought from the brokerage customer (agency cross transactions)?

(2)

recommend to advisory *clients*, or act as a purchaser representative for advisory *clients* with respect to, the purchase of securities for which you or any *related person* serves as underwriter or general or managing partner?

(3)

recommend purchase or sale of securities to advisory *clients* for which you or any *related person* has any other sales interest (other than the receipt of sales commissions as a broker or registered representative of a broker-dealer)?

Investment or Brokerage Discretion

C.

Do you or any *related person* have *discretionary authority* to determine the:

Yes

No

(1)

securities to be bought or sold for a *client's* account?

(2)

amount of securities to be bought or sold for a *client's* account?

(3)

broker or dealer to be used for a purchase or sale of securities for a *client's* account?

(4)

commission rates to be paid to a broker or dealer for a *client's* securities transactions?

D.

If you answer "yes" to C.(3) above, are any of the brokers or dealers *related persons*?

E.

Do you or any *related person* recommend brokers or dealers to *clients*?

F.

If you answer "yes" to E. above, are any of the brokers or dealers *related persons*?

G.

(1) Do you or any *related person* receive research or other products or services other than execution from a broker-dealer or a third party ("soft dollar benefits") in connection with *client* securities transactions?

(2)

If "yes" to G.(1) above, are all the "soft dollar benefits" you or any *related persons* receive eligible "research or brokerage services" under section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934?

H.

(1) Do you or any *related person*, directly or indirectly, compensate any *person* that is not an *employee* for *client* referrals?

(2)

Do you or any *related person*, directly or indirectly, provide any *employee* compensation that is specifically related to obtaining *clients* for the firm (cash or non-cash compensation in addition to the *employee's* regular salary)?

I.

Do you or any *related person*, including any *employee*, directly or indirectly, receive compensation from any *person* (other than you or any *related person*) for *client* referrals?

In your response to Item 8.I., do not include the regular salary you pay to an employee.

In responding to Items 8.H. and 8.I., consider all cash and non-cash compensation that you or a related person gave to (in answering Item 8.H.) or received from (in answering Item 8.I.) any person in exchange for client referrals, including any bonus that is based, at least in part, on the number or amount of client referrals.

Item 9 Custody

In this Item, we ask you whether you or a *related person* has *custody* of *client* (other than *clients* that are investment companies registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940) assets and about your custodial practices.

A.

(1) Do you have *custody* of any advisory *clients'*:

Yes

No

(a)

cash or bank accounts?

(b)

securities?

If you are registering or registered with the SEC, answer "No" to Item 9.A.(1)(a) and (b) if you have custody solely because (i) you deduct your advisory fees directly from your clients' accounts, or (ii) a related person has custody of client assets in connection with advisory services you provide to clients, but you have overcome the presumption that you are not operationally independent (pursuant to Advisers Act rule 206(4)-2(d)(5)) from the related person.

(2)

If you checked "yes" to Item 9.A.(1)(a) or (b), what is the approximate amount of *client* funds and securities and total number of *clients* for which you have *custody*:

U.S. Dollar Amount

Total Number of *Clients*

(a) \$

(b)

If you are registering or registered with the SEC and you have custody solely because you deduct your advisory fees directly from your clients' accounts, do not include the amount of those assets and the number of those clients in your response to Item 9.A.(2). If your related person has custody of client assets in connection with advisory services you provide to clients, do not include the amount of those assets and number of those clients in your response to 9.A.(2). Instead, include that information in your response to Item 9.B.(2).

- (b) securities?

(2) If you checked "yes" to Item 9.B.(1)(a) or (b), what is the approximate amount of *client* funds and securities and total number of *clients* for which your *related persons* have *custody*:

Total Number of *Clients*

(b)

- (4) An independent public accountant prepares an internal control report with respect to custodial services when you or your *related persons* are qualified custodians for *client* funds and securities.

Do you or your *related person(s)* act as qualified custodians for your *clients* in connection with advisory services you provide to *clients*?

- (2) your *related person(s)* act as qualified custodian(s)

If you are filing your *annual updating amendment* and you were subject to a surprise examination by an *independent public accountant* during your last fiscal year, provide the date (MM/YYYY) the examination commenced:

- F. If you or your *related persons* have *custody* of *client* funds or securities, how many *persons*, including, but not limited to, you and your *related persons*, act as qualified custodians for your *clients* in connection with advisory services you provide to *clients*?

No Information Filed

In this Item, we ask you to identify every *person* that, directly or indirectly, *controls* you. If you are filing an *umbrella registration*, the information in Item 10 should be provided for the *filing adviser* only.

If you are submitting an initial application or report, you must complete Schedule A and Schedule B. Schedule A asks for information about your direct owners and executive officers. Schedule B asks for information about your indirect owners. If this is an amendment and you are updating information you reported on either Schedule A or Schedule B (or both) that you filed with your initial application or report, you must complete Schedule C.

- If yes, complete Section 10.A. of Schedule D.*

- B. If any *person* named in Schedules A, B, or C or in Section 10.A. of Schedule D is a public reporting company under Sections 12 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, please complete Section 10.B. of Schedule D.

No Information Filed

SECTION 10.B. Control Person Public Reporting Companies

No Information Filed

Item 11 Disclosure Information

In this Item, we ask for information about your disciplinary history and the disciplinary history of all your *advisory affiliates*. We use this information to determine whether to grant your application for registration, to decide whether to revoke your registration or to place limitations on your activities as an investment adviser, and to identify potential problem areas to focus on during our on-site examinations. One event may result in "yes" answers to more than one of the questions below. In accordance with General Instruction 5 to Form ADV, "you" and "your" include the *filing adviser* and all *relying advisers* under an *umbrella registration*.

Your *advisory affiliates* are: (1) all of your current *employees* (other than *employees* performing only clerical, administrative, support or similar functions); (2) all of your officers, partners, or directors (or any *person* performing similar functions); and (3) all *persons* directly or indirectly *controlling* you or *controlled* by you. If you are a "separately identifiable department or division" (SID) of a bank, see the Glossary of Terms to determine who your *advisory affiliates* are.

If you are registered or registering with the SEC or if you are an exempt reporting adviser, you may limit your disclosure of any event listed in Item 11 to ten years following the date of the event. If you are registered or registering with a state, you must respond to the questions as posed; you may, therefore, limit your disclosure to ten years following the date of an event only in responding to Items 11.A.(1), 11.A.(2), 11.B.(1), 11.B.(2), 11.D.(4), and 11.H.(1)(a). For purposes of calculating this ten-year period, the date of an event is the date the final order, judgment, or decree was entered, or the date any rights of appeal from preliminary orders, judgments, or decrees lapsed.

You must complete the appropriate Disclosure Reporting Page ("DRP") for "yes" answers to the questions in this Item 11.

	Yes	No
Do any of the events below involve you or any of your <i>supervised persons</i> ?	☐	☐

For "yes" answers to the following questions, complete a Criminal Action DRP:

A.	In the past ten years, have you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> :	Yes	No
	(1) been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo contendere ("no contest") in a domestic, foreign, or military court to any <i>felony</i> ?	☐	☒
	(2) been <i>charged</i> with any <i>felony</i> ?	☒	☐

If you are registered or registering with the SEC, or if you are reporting as an exempt reporting adviser, you may limit your response to Item 11.A.(2) to charges that are currently pending.

B.	In the past ten years, have you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> :		
	(1) been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo contendere ("no contest") in a domestic, foreign, or military court to a <i>misdemeanor</i> involving: investments or an <i>investment-related</i> business, or any fraud, false statements, or omissions, wrongful taking of property, bribery, perjury, forgery, counterfeiting, extortion, or a conspiracy to commit any of these offenses?	☐	☒
	(2) been <i>charged</i> with a <i>misdemeanor</i> listed in Item 11.B.(1)?	☐	☒

If you are registered or registering with the SEC, or if you are reporting as an exempt reporting adviser, you may limit your response to Item 11.B.(2) to charges that are currently pending.

For "yes" answers to the following questions, complete a Regulatory Action DRP:

C.	Has the SEC or the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) ever:	Yes	No
	(1) <i>found</i> you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> to have made a false statement or omission?	☐	☒
	(2) <i>found</i> you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> to have been <i>involved</i> in a violation of SEC or CFTC regulations or statutes?	☒	☐
	(3) <i>found</i> you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> to have been a cause of an <i>investment-related</i> business having its authorization to do business denied, suspended, revoked, or restricted?	☐	☒
	(4) entered an <i>order</i> against you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> in connection with <i>investment-related</i> activity?	☒	☐
	(5) imposed a civil money penalty on you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> , or <i>ordered</i> you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> to cease and desist from any activity?	☒	☐
D.	Has any other federal regulatory agency, any state regulatory agency, or any <i>foreign financial regulatory authority</i> :		
	(1) ever <i>found</i> you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> to have made a false statement or omission, or been dishonest, unfair, or unethical?	☐	☒
	(2) ever <i>found</i> you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> to have been <i>involved</i> in a violation of <i>investment-related</i> regulations or statutes?	☒	☐
	(3) ever <i>found</i> you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> to have been a cause of an <i>investment-related</i> business having its authorization to do business denied, suspended, revoked, or restricted?	☐	☒
	(4) in the past ten years, entered an <i>order</i> against you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> in connection with an <i>investment-related</i> activity?	☒	☐
	(5) ever denied, suspended, or revoked your or any <i>advisory affiliate's</i> registration or license, or otherwise prevented you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> , by <i>order</i> , from associating with an <i>investment-related</i> business or restricted your or any <i>advisory affiliate's</i> activity?	☐	☒
E.	Has any <i>self-regulatory organization</i> or commodities exchange ever:		
	(1) <i>found</i> you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> to have made a false statement or omission?	☐	☒

(2)	<i>found</i> you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> to have been <i>involved</i> in a violation of its rules (other than a violation designated as a " <i>minor rule violation</i> " under a plan approved by the SEC)?	☒	☐
(3)	<i>found</i> you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> to have been the cause of an <i>investment-related</i> business having its authorization to do business denied, suspended, revoked, or restricted?	☐	☒
(4)	disciplined you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> by expelling or suspending you or the <i>advisory affiliate</i> from membership, barring or suspending you or the <i>advisory affiliate</i> from association with other members, or otherwise restricting your or the <i>advisory affiliate's</i> activities?	☐	☒
F.	Has an authorization to act as an attorney, accountant, or federal contractor granted to you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> ever been revoked or suspended?	☐	☒
G.	Are you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> now the subject of any regulatory <i>proceeding</i> that could result in a "yes" answer to any part of Item 11.C., 11.D., or 11.E.?	☐	☒
For "yes" answers to the following questions, complete a Civil Judicial Action DRP:			
H.	(1) Has any domestic or foreign court:	Yes	No
	(a) in the past ten years, <i>enjoined</i> you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> in connection with any <i>investment-related</i> activity?	☐	☒
	(b) ever <i>found</i> that you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> were <i>involved</i> in a violation of <i>investment-related</i> statutes or regulations?	☐	☒
	(c) ever dismissed, pursuant to a settlement agreement, an <i>investment-related</i> civil action brought against you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> by a state or foreign financial regulatory authority?	☐	☒
	(2) Are you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> now the subject of any civil <i>proceeding</i> that could result in a "yes" answer to any part of Item 11.H.(1)?	☐	☒

Item 12 Small Businesses

The SEC is required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act to consider the effect of its regulations on small entities. In order to do this, we need to determine whether you meet the definition of "small business" or "small organization" under rule 0-7.

Answer this Item 12 only if you are registered or registering with the SEC **and** you indicated in response to Item 5.F.(2)(c) that you have regulatory assets under management of less than \$25 million. You are not required to answer this Item 12 if you are filing for initial registration as a state adviser, amending a current state registration, or switching from SEC to state registration.

For purposes of this Item 12 only:

- Total Assets refers to the total assets of a firm, rather than the assets managed on behalf of *clients*. In determining your or another *person's* total assets, you may use the total assets shown on a current balance sheet (but use total assets reported on a consolidated balance sheet with subsidiaries included, if that amount is larger).
- *Control* means the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of a *person*, whether through ownership of securities, by contract, or otherwise. Any *person* that directly or indirectly has the right to vote 25 percent or more of the voting securities, or is entitled to 25 percent or more of the profits, of another *person* is presumed to *control* the other *person*.

	Yes	No
A. Did you have total assets of \$5 million or more on the last day of your most recent fiscal year?	☐	☐
If "yes," you do not need to answer Items 12.B. and 12.C.		
B. Do you:		
(1) <i>control</i> another investment adviser that had regulatory assets under management (calculated in response to Item 5.F.(2)(c) of Form ADV) of \$25 million or more on the last day of its most recent fiscal year?	☐	☐
(2) <i>control</i> another <i>person</i> (other than a natural person) that had total assets of \$5 million or more on the last day of its most recent fiscal year?	☐	☐
C. Are you:		
(1) <i>controlled</i> by or under common <i>control</i> with another investment adviser that had regulatory assets under management (calculated in response to Item 5.F.(2)(c) of Form ADV) of \$25 million or more on the last day of its most recent fiscal year?	☐	☐
(2) <i>controlled</i> by or under common <i>control</i> with another <i>person</i> (other than a natural person) that had total assets of \$5 million or more on the last day of its most recent fiscal year?	☐	☐

Schedule A

Direct Owners and Executive Officers

1. Complete Schedule A only if you are submitting an initial application or report. Schedule A asks for information about your direct owners and executive officers. Use Schedule C to amend this information.

2. Direct Owners and Executive Officers. List below the names of:

(a) each Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Operations Officer, Chief Legal Officer, Chief Compliance Officer(Chief Compliance Officer is required if you are registered or applying for registration and cannot be more than one individual), director, and any other individuals with similar status or functions;

(b) if you are organized as a corporation, each shareholder that is a direct owner of 5% or more of a class of your voting securities, unless you are a public reporting company (a company subject to Section 12 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act);

Direct owners include any *person* that owns, beneficially owns, has the right to vote, or has the power to sell or direct the sale of, 5% or more of a class of your voting securities. For purposes of this Schedule, a *person* beneficially owns any securities: (i) owned by his/her child, stepchild, grandchild,

- parent, stepparent, grandparent, spouse, sibling, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law, sharing the same residence; or (ii) that he/she has the right to acquire, within 60 days, through the exercise of any option, warrant, or right to purchase the security.
- (c) if you are organized as a partnership, all general partners and those limited and special partners that have the right to receive upon dissolution, or have contributed, 5% or more of your capital;
- (d) in the case of a trust that directly owns 5% or more of a class of your voting securities, or that has the right to receive upon dissolution, or has contributed, 5% or more of your capital, the trust and each trustee; and
- (e) if you are organized as a limited liability company ("LLC"), (i) those members that have the right to receive upon dissolution, or have contributed, 5% or more of your capital, and (ii) if managed by elected managers, all elected managers.
3. Do you have any indirect owners to be reported on Schedule B? ☒ Yes ☐ No
4. In the DE/FE/I column below, enter "DE" if the owner is a domestic entity, "FE" if the owner is an entity incorporated or domiciled in a foreign country, or "I" if the owner or executive officer is an individual.
5. Complete the Title or Status column by entering board/management titles; status as partner, trustee, sole proprietor, elected manager, shareholder, or member; and for shareholders or members, the class of securities owned (if more than one is issued).
6. Ownership codes are: NA - less than 5% B - 10% but less than 25% D - 50% but less than 75%
 A - 5% but less than 10% C - 25% but less than 50% E - 75% or more
7. (a) In the *Control Person* column, enter "Yes" if the *person* has *control* as defined in the Glossary of Terms to Form ADV, and enter "No" if the *person* does not have *control*. Note that under this definition, most executive officers and all 25% owners, general partners, elected managers, and trustees are *control persons*.
- (b) In the PR column, enter "PR" if the owner is a public reporting company under Sections 12 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act.
- (c) Complete each column.

FULL LEGAL NAME (Individuals: Last Name, First Name, Middle Name)	DE/FE/I	Title or Status	Date Title or Status Acquired MM/YYYY	Ownership Code	Control Person	PR	CRD No. If None: S.S. No. and Date of Birth, IRS Tax No. or Employer ID No.
STEPP, JOHN DANIEL	I	MANAGING DIRECTOR, CEO; ELECTED MANAGER	09/2010	NA	Y		501417
HORTON, MICHAEL ALAN	I	DIRECTOR, BRANCH MANAGER	09/2010	NA	N	N	1041106
CENTRAL STATES FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC	DE	HOLDING COMPANY; MEMBER	09/2010	C	N		
YOUNG, ROBERT MORRIS JR	I	CHAIRMAN & CCO	09/2024	A	Y	N	501297
CLASSEN, MARK K	I	MEMBER	11/2017	D	N	N	6886821
ADDISON, LAURIE ANNE	I	CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER & FINOP	01/2023	NA	Y	N	7488882

Schedule B

- Indirect Owners**
1. Complete Schedule B only if you are submitting an initial application or report. Schedule B asks for information about your indirect owners; you must first complete Schedule A, which asks for information about your direct owners. Use Schedule C to amend this information.
2. Indirect Owners. With respect to each owner listed on Schedule A (except individual owners), list below:
- (a) in the case of an owner that is a corporation, each of its shareholders that beneficially owns, has the right to vote, or has the power to sell or direct the sale of, 25% or more of a class of a voting security of that corporation;
- For purposes of this Schedule, a *person* beneficially owns any securities: (i) owned by his/her child, stepchild, grandchild, parent, stepparent, grandparent, spouse, sibling, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law, sharing the same residence; or (ii) that he/she has the right to acquire, within 60 days, through the exercise of any option, warrant, or right to purchase the security.
- (b) in the case of an owner that is a partnership, all general partners and those limited and special partners that have the right to receive upon dissolution, or have contributed, 25% or more of the partnership's capital;
- (c) in the case of an owner that is a trust, the trust and each trustee; and
- (d) in the case of an owner that is a limited liability company ("LLC"), (i) those members that have the right to receive upon dissolution, or have contributed, 25% or more of the LLC's capital, and (ii) if managed by elected managers, all elected managers.
3. Continue up the chain of ownership listing all 25% owners at each level. Once a public reporting company (a company subject to Sections 12 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act) is reached, no further ownership information need be given.
4. In the DE/FE/I column below, enter "DE" if the owner is a domestic entity, "FE" if the owner is an entity incorporated or domiciled in a foreign country, or "I" if the owner is an individual.
5. Complete the Status column by entering the owner's status as partner, trustee, elected manager, shareholder, or member; and for shareholders or members, the class of securities owned (if more than one is issued).
6. Ownership codes are: C - 25% but less than 50% E - 75% or more
 D - 50% but less than 75% F - Other (general partner, trustee, or elected manager)
7. (a) In the *Control Person* column, enter "Yes" if the *person* has *control* as defined in the Glossary of Terms to Form ADV, and enter "No" if the *person* does not have *control*. Note that under this definition, most executive officers and all 25% owners, general partners, elected managers, and trustees are *control persons*.
- (b) In the PR column, enter "PR" if the owner is a public reporting company under Sections 12 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act.
- (c) Complete each column.

FULL LEGAL NAME (Individuals: Last Name, First Name, Middle Name)	DE/FE/I	Entity in Which Interest is Owned	Status	Date Status Acquired MM/YYYY	Ownership Code	Control Person	PR	CRD No. If None: S.S. No. and Date of Birth, IRS Tax No. or Employer ID No.
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STEPP, JOHN DANIEL		CENTRAL STATES FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC	ELECTED MANAGER	09/2010	F	Y	N	501417
HORTON, MICHAEL ALAN	I	CENTRAL STATES FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC	MEMBER	09/2010	F	N	N	1041106
FREIDELL, STEPHEN JAY	I	CENTRAL STATES FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC	MEMBER	09/2010	F	N	N	5194129

Schedule D - Miscellaneous

You may use the space below to explain a response to an Item or to provide any other information.

In order to comply with 17CFR Section 275.205-3 and 15 CSR 30-51.145, Central States Capital Markets, LLC (CSCM) may enter into a performance based fee arrangement only with a qualified client. A qualified client is one that has at least \$1,000,000 under management with CSCM or has a net worth of \$2,100,000 (excluding primary residence market value and associated debt). CSCM will comply with future assets under management and net worth thresholds as they are adjusted by the Securities and Exchange Commission. Additional information regarding a performance based fee arrangement with CSCM can be found in our Form ADV Part 2A Disclosure Brochure.

Schedule R

No Information Filed

DRP Pages

CRIMINAL DISCLOSURE REPORTING PAGE (ADV)

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

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Criminal

Check item(s) being responded to:

- ☐ 11.A(1)
- ☒ 11.A(2)
- ☐ 11.B(1)
- ☐ 11.B(2)

Use a separate DRP for each event or *proceeding* . The same event or *proceeding* may be reported for more than one *person* or entity using one DRP. File with a completed Execution Page.

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PART I

A. The *person(s)* or entity(ies) for whom this DRP is being filed is (are):

- ☒ You (the advisory firm)
- ☐ You and one or more of your *advisory affiliates*
- ☐ One or more of your *advisory affiliates*

If this DRP is being filed for an *advisory affiliate*, give the full name of the *advisory affiliate* below (for individuals, Last name, First name, Middle name). If the *advisory affiliate* has a *CRD* number, provide that number. If not, indicate "non-registered" by checking the appropriate box.

ADV DRP - ADVISORY AFFILIATE

No Information Filed

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☐ Yes ☐ No

PART II

2. Formal Charge(s) were brought in: (include name of Federal, Military, State or Foreign Court, Location of Court - City or County and State or Country, Docket/Case number).
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK NEW YORK, NY

A. Date First *Charged* (MM/DD/YYYY):

12/18/2018 ☒ Exact ☐ Explanation

If not exact, provide explanation:

B. Event Disclosure Detail (include Charge(s)/Charge Description(s), and for each charge provide: (1) number of counts, (2) *felony* or *misdemeanor*, (3) plea for each charge, and (4) product type if charge is *investment-related*).

THE FIRM WAS CENSURED, ORDERED TO CEASE AND DESIST AND SHALL COMPLY WITH THE UNDERTAKINGS ENUMERATED IN THE ORDER. CSCM PAID A CIVIL FORFEITURE OF \$400,000 TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ON DECEMBER 18, 2018.

C. Did any of the Charge(s) within the Event involve a *felony*? ☒ Yes ☐ No

D. Current status of the Event? ☐ Pending ☐ On Appeal ☒ Final

E. Event Status Date (complete unless status is Pending) (MM/DD/YYYY):

01/11/2021 ☒ Exact ☐ Explanation

If not exact, provide explanation:

4. Disposition Disclosure Detail:

Include for each charge (a) Disposition Type (e.g., convicted, acquitted, dismissed, pretrial, etc.), (b) Date, (c) Sentence/Penalty, (d) Duration (if sentence - suspension, probation, etc.), (e) Start Date of Penalty, (f) Penalty/Fine Amount, and (g) Date Paid.

A. DPA B. 12/18/2018 C. CENSURE AND FINE D. DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT 2 YEARS START DATE OF PENALTY 12/11/2018 F. CIVIL FORFEITURE \$400,000 G. PAID 12/18/2018

5. Provide a brief summary of circumstances leading to the charge(s) as well as the disposition. Include the relevant dates when the conduct which was the subject of the charge(s) occurred. (Your response must fit within the space provided.)

PROCEEDINGS ARISE OUT OF FAILURE TO FILE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH A SERIES OF TRANSACTOIONS OCCRRING IN ACCOUNTS IN THE FIRM OWNED BY AN INDIVIDUALCLAIMING TO ACT AS A CONSULTANT FOR TRIBAL CORPORATIONS.

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- B. If the *advisory affiliate* is registered through the IARD system or *CRD* system, has the *advisory affiliate* submitted a DRP (with Form ADV, BD or U-4) to the IARD or *CRD* for the event? If the answer is "Yes," no other information on this DRP must be provided.
- ☐ Yes ☐ No

NOTE: The completion of this form does not relieve the *advisory affiliate* of its obligation to update its IARD or *CRD* records.

PART II

1. If charge(s) were brought against an organization over which you or an *advisory affiliate* exercise(d) *control*: Enter organization name, whether or not the organization was an *investment-related* business and your or the *advisory affiliate's* position, title, or relationship.
WILLFUL TO FILE A SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORT IN VIOLATION OF 31 USC SECTIONS 5318 AND 5322.
2. Formal Charge(s) were brought in: (include name of Federal, Military, State or Foreign Court, Location of Court - City or County and State or Country, Docket/Case number).
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK NEW YORK CITY
3. Event Disclosure Detail (Use this for both organizational and individual charges.)
- A. Date First *Charged* (MM/DD/YYYY):
12/19/2018 ☒ Exact ☐ Explanation
If not exact, provide explanation:
- B. Event Disclosure Detail (include Charge(s)/Charge Description(s), and for each charge provide: (1) number of counts, (2) *felony* or *misdemeanor*, (3) plea for each charge, and (4) product type if charge is *investment-related*).
WILLFUL FAILURE TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORT FELONY
- C. Did any of the Charge(s) within the Event involve a *felony*? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- D. Current status of the Event? ☐ Pending ☐ On Appeal ☒ Final
- E. Event Status Date (complete unless status is Pending) (MM/DD/YYYY):
01/11/2021 ☒ Exact ☐ Explanation
If not exact, provide explanation:
FORFEITURE OF \$400,000 UNDER 18 U.S.C SECTIONS 981(A)(A) AND (C).
4. Disposition Disclosure Detail:
Include for each charge (a) Disposition Type (e.g., convicted, acquitted, dismissed, pretrial, etc.), (b) Date, (c) Sentence/Penalty, (d) Duration (if sentence - suspension, probation, etc.), (e) Start Date of Penalty, (f) Penalty/Fine Amount, and (g) Date Paid.
AGREED TO A DPA 12/18/2018 WHICH INCLUDED FORFEITURE OF \$400,000 AND OBLIGATION FOR AN OUTSIDE CONSULTANT TO REVIEW PERIODIC AML WORK BY THE FIRM FOR 2 YEARS. THE COURT RULED THE FIRM HAD COMPLIED WITH ITS OBLIGATIONS ON ITS OBLIGATION AND DISMISSED INFORMATION ON JANUARY 11, 2021.
5. Provide a brief summary of circumstances leading to the charge(s) as well as the disposition. Include the relevant dates when the conduct which was the subject of the charge(s) occurred. (Your response must fit within the space provided.)
PROCEEDINGS AROSE OUT OF FAILURE OF THE FIRM TO FILE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTS IN CONNECTION WITH A SERIES OF TRANSECTIONS OCCURRING IN ACCOUNTS OWNED BY NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES DIRECTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL CLAIMING TO BE A CONSULTANT FOR TRIBAL CORPORATIONS.

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PART I

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- ☐ One or more of your *advisory affiliates*

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B. If the *advisory affiliate* is registered through the IARD system or *CRD* system, has the *advisory affiliate* submitted a DRP (with Form ADV, BD or U-4) to the IARD or *CRD* for the event? If the answer is "Yes," no other information on this DRP must be provided.

☐ Yes ☐ No

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PART II

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CENTRAL STATES CAPITAL MARKETS,LLC
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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK NEW YORK, NY
3. Event Disclosure Detail (Use this for both organizational and individual charges.)

A. Date First *Charged* (MM/DD/YYYY):

12/18/2018 ☒ Exact ☐ Explanation

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WILLFUL FAILURE TO FILE A SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORT FELONY

C. Did any of the Charge(s) within the Event involve a *felony*? ☒ Yes ☐ No

D. Current status of the Event? ☐ Pending ☐ On Appeal ☒ Final

E. Event Status Date (complete unless status is Pending) (MM/DD/YYYY):

01/11/2021 ☒ Exact ☐ Explanation

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A. DPA B. 01/11-/2021 C. HIRE CONSULTANT TO REVIEW AML WORK EVERY 6 MONTHS D. TWO YEARS. 12/18/2018 F. CIVIL FORFEITURE \$400,000 G. 12/18/-2018
5. Provide a brief summary of circumstances leading to the charge(s) as well as the disposition. Include the relevant dates when the conduct which was the subject of the charge(s) occurred. (Your response must fit within the space provided.)

PROCEEDINGS AROSE OUT OF FAILURE OF THE FIRM TO FILE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTS IN CONJUNCTIOJN WITH A SERIES OF TRANSACTIONS OCCURRING IN ACCOUNTS OWNED BY NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES

REGULATORY ACTION DISCLOSURE REPORTING PAGE (ADV)

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

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Regulatory Action

Check item(s) being responded to:

- ☐ 11.C(1)
- ☐ 11.C(2)
- ☐ 11.C(3)
- ☐ 11.C(4)
- ☐ 11.C(5)
- ☐ 11.D(1)
- ☒ 11.D(2)
- ☐ 11.D(3)
- ☐ 11.D(4)
- ☐ 11.D(5)
- ☐ 11.E(1)
- ☐ 11.E(2)
- ☐ 11.E(3)
- ☐ 11.E(4)
- ☐ 11.F.
- ☐ 11.G.

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PART I

A. The *person(s)* or entity(ies) for whom this DRP is being filed is (are):

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ADV DRP - ADVISORY AFFILIATE

CRD Number:

[155291](#)

This *advisory affiliate* is ☒ a Firm ☐ an Individual

Registered: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Name: CENTRAL STATES CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC
(For individuals, Last, First, Middle)

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If you are registered or registering with a *state securities authority* , you may remove a DRP for an event you reported only in response to Item 11.D(4), and only if that event occurred more than ten years ago. If you are registered or registering with the SEC, you may remove a DRP for any event listed in Item 11 that occurred more than ten years ago.

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- ☒ Yes ☐ No

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PART II

1. Regulatory Action initiated by:

- ☐ SEC ☐ Other Federal ☒ State ☐ SRO ☐ Foreign

(Full name of regulator, *foreign financial regulatory authority*, federal, state, or *SRO*)
MARYLAND DIVISION OF SECURITIES

2. Principal Sanction:
Denial
Other Sanctions:
AS ORDERED BY THE STATE OF MARYLAND AND STIPULATED THERETO, THE APPLICANT REIMBURSED THE CLIENT \$200 IN COMMISSIONS. NO FINES OR OTHER DISGORGEMENTS WERE REQUIRED.

3. Date Initiated (MM/DD/YYYY):
05/04/2012 ☒ Exact ☐ Explanation
If not exact, provide explanation:

4. Docket/Case Number:
FILE NO. 2012-0049

5. *Advisory Affiliate* Employing Firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action (if applicable):
CENTRAL STATES CAPITAL MARKETS

6. Principal Product Type:
Debt - Municipal
Other Product Types:

7. Describe the allegations related to this regulatory action (your response must fit within the space provided):
THE ACCOUNT IS A TRUST ACCOUNT WHEREBY THE CLIENT RECEIVES INCOME FROM THE INVESTMENTS WITHIN THE ACCOUNT. HOWEVER, THE TRUSTEE MAKES ALL INVESTMENT DECISIONS ON BEHALF OF THE ACCOUNT PURSUANT TO THE TRUST DOCUMENTS. THE CLIENT IS A RESIDENT OF KANSAS AND THE TRUSTEE IS A RESIDENT OF MARYLAND. THE APPLICANT RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE TRUSTEE TO PURCHASE A SECURITY ON BEHALF OF THE ACCOUNT. THE APPLICANT COMPLIED WITH SAID REQUEST. DUE TO THE AFOREMENTIONED CIRCUMSTANCES, THE STATE OF MARYLAND INDICATED THAT THE APPLICANT EFFECTED SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS PRIOR TO BEING REGISTERED IN THE STATE.

8. Current Status? ☐ Pending ☐ On Appeal ☒ Final

9. If on appeal, regulatory action appealed to (SEC, SRO, Federal or State Court) and Date Appeal Filed:

If Final or On Appeal, complete all items below. For Pending Actions, complete Item 13 only.

10. How was matter resolved:
Stipulation and Consent

11. Resolution Date (MM/DD/YYYY):
05/21/2012 ☒ Exact ☐ Explanation
If not exact, provide explanation:

12. Resolution Detail:

A. Were any of the following Sanctions *Ordered* (check all appropriate items)?

☐ Monetary/Fine Amount: \$
☐ Revocation/Expulsion/Denial
☒ Censure
☐ Bar

☒ Disgorgement/Restitution
☐ Cease and Desist/Injunction
☐ Suspension

B. Other Sanctions *Ordered*:
STATE OF MARYLAND STIPULATED WITH APPLICANT TO REFUND COMMISSIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200 TO THE CUSTOMER. UPON PAYMENT, STATE OF MARYLAND WILL SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVE THE APPLICANT FOR REGISTRATION. THE APPLICANT REFUNDED THE \$200 IN COMMISSIONS TO THE CUSTOMER. THE STATE OF MARYLAND APPROVED APPLICANT'S REGISTRATION.
Sanction detail: if suspended, *enjoined* or barred, provide duration including start date and capacities affected (General Securities Principal, Financial Operations Principal, etc.). If requalification by exam/retraining was a condition of the sanction, provide length of time given to requalify/retrain, type of exam required and whether condition has been satisfied. If disposition resulted in a fine, penalty, restitution, disgorgement or monetary compensation, provide total amount, portion levied against you or an *advisory affiliate*, date paid and if any portion of penalty was waived:
AS ORDERED BY THE STATE OF MARYLAND OF PART OF THE STIPULATION, THE APPLICANT REIMBURSED THE CLIENT \$200 IN COMMISSIONS. NO FINES OR OTHER DISGORGEMENTS WERE REQUIRED.

13. Provide a brief summary of details related to the action status and (or) disposition and include relevant terms, conditions and dates (your response must fit within the space provided).
THE MATTER INVOLVED A TRUST ACCOUNT; THE TRUSTEE FOR THE ACCOUNT WAS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND. THE ACCOUNT OWNER WAS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE OF KANSAS. ON 01/27/2012 THE TRUSTEE PROVIDED INSTRUCTION TO THE APPLICANT TO PURCHASE A CORPORATE DEBT SECURITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 WITH A SETTLEMENT DATE OF 02/01/2012. THE APPLICANT SUBSEQUENTLY EXECUTED THE TRANSACTION. THE STATE OF MARYLAND INDICATED THAT SINCE THE TRUSTEE WAS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND AND THE INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR

PROVIDING ACCOUNT INTSTRUCTIONS, THE APPLICANT WAS REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND. THE APPLICANT STIPULATED WITH THE STATE TO REFUND THE COMMISSIONS TO THE CLIENT. COMMISSIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200 WERE REFUNDED TO THE CUSTOMER AND THE STATE OF MARYLAND APPROVED THE APPLICANT'S REGISTRATION.

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Regulatory Action				
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☐ 11.D(1)	☐ 11.D(2)	☐ 11.D(3)	☐ 11.D(4)	☐ 11.D(5)
☐ 11.E(1)	☐ 11.E(2)	☐ 11.E(3)	☐ 11.E(4)	
☐ 11.F.	☐ 11.G.			

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ADV *DRP* - ADVISORY AFFILIATE

CRD Number:

155291

This *advisory affiliate* is

☒ a Firm ☐ an Individual

Registered:

☒ Yes ☐ No

Name:

CENTRAL STATES CAPITAL
MARKETS, LLC
(For individuals, Last, First, Middle)

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PART II

1. Regulatory Action initiated by:
- ☒ SEC ☐ Other Federal ☐ State ☐ SRO ☐ Foreign
- (Full name of regulator, *foreign financial regulatory authority*, federal, state, or *SRO*)
- SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

2. Principal Sanction:

Other Sanctions:

3. Date Initiated (MM/DD/YYYY):

03/14/2016 ☒ Exact ☐ Explanation

If not exact, provide explanation:

4. Docket/Case Number:

3-17170

5. *Advisory Affiliate* Employing Firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action (if applicable):

CENTRAL STATES CAPITAL MARKETS LLC

6. Principal Product Type:

Debt - Municipal

Other Product Types:

7. Describe the allegations related to this regulatory action (your response must fit within the space provided):

THE SEC ALLEGES THAT CENTRAL STATES CAPITAL MARKET VIOLATED SECTIONS 15(C)(1) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 AND MSRB RULE G-17. IN ADDITION, ASSOCIATED PERSONS OF CSCM VIOLATED SECTION 15B(C)(1) OF THE EXCHANGE ACT AND MSRB RULE G-17 AND G-23. THE SEC FOUND THAT THERE WAS A BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY BY CSCM, A MUNICIPAL ADVISER AND IT'S ASSOCIATED PERSONS. IN APRIL 2011, A MUNICIPAL ENTITY HIRED CSCM TO SERVE AS ITS MUNICIPAL ADVISOR. THROUGHOUT THE REMAINDER OF 2011, CSCM PROVIDED ADVICE TO THE CITY ON THREE SEPARATE MUNICIPAL DEBT OFFERINGS. THE CITY RELIED ON CSCM TO ADVISE IT ON THE TERMS OF THE OFFERINGS, INCLUDING INTEREST RATES, THE SELECTION OF UNDERWRITERS, & UNDERWRITING FEES. CSCM ASSIGNED TWO OF IT'S ASSOCIATED PERSONS TO WORK WITH THE CITY ON BEHALF OF THE FIRM. THE TWO ASSOCIATED PERSONS, IN CONSULTATION WITH ANOTHER ASSOCIATED PERSON, ARRANGED TO HAVE THE CITY'S OFFERING UNDERWRITTEN BY A BROKER-DEALER WITH WHICH THESE ASSOCIATED PERSONS WERE STILL WORKING AS REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVES. THROUGHOUT THE CITY'S 2011 MUNICIPAL DEBT OFFERINGS, EMPLOYEES OF CSCM, INCLUDING THE ASSOCIATED PERSONS PROVIDED BOTH UNDERWRITING SERVICES & MUNICIPAL ADVISOR SERVICES FOR THE OFFERINGS. IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFERINGS, CSCM PAID COMMISSIONS TO THE TWO ASSIGNED ASSOCIATED PERSONS BASED ON BOTH THE MUNICIPAL ADVISOR SERVICES & THE UNDERWRITING SERVICES THEY PERFORMED. HOWEVER, CSCM FAILED TO DISCLOSE TO THE CITY IN WRITING: (1) THE FACT THAT CERTAIN CSCM EMPLOYEES ALSO WORKED FOR THE BROKER-DEALER; (2) THE FACT THAT CERTAIN CSCM EMPLOYEES WERE PERFORMING BOTH MUNICIPAL ADVISOR SERVICES & UNDERWRITING SERVICES FOR THE OFFERINGS; AND (3) THE FACT THAT CERTAIN CSCM EMPLOYEES HAD A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST BECAUSE THEY WERE RECEIVING A DIRECT FINANCIAL BENEFIT FROM THE UNDERWRITING SERVICES. AS A RESULT, THE SEC ALLEGES CSCM BREACHED IT'S FIDUCIARY DUTY TO THE CITY. CENTRAL STATES NEITHER ADMITS NOR DENIES THE ALLEGATIONS.

8. Current Status? ☐ Pending ☐ On Appeal ☒ Final

9. If on appeal, regulatory action appealed to (SEC, SRO, Federal or State Court) and Date Appeal Filed:

If Final or On Appeal, complete all items below. For Pending Actions, complete Item 13 only.

10. How was matter resolved:

Order

11. Resolution Date (MM/DD/YYYY):

03/14/2016 ☒ Exact ☐ Explanation

If not exact, provide explanation:

12. Resolution Detail:

A. Were any of the following Sanctions *Ordered* (check all appropriate items)?

☒ Monetary/Fine Amount: \$ 85,000.00

☐ Revocation/Expulsion/Denial

☒ Censure

☐ Bar

☒ Disgorgement/Restitution

☒ Cease and Desist/Injunction

☐ Suspension

B. Other Sanctions *Ordered*:

PRE-JUDGEMENT INTEREST

Sanction detail: if suspended, *enjoined* or barred, provide duration including start date and capacities affected (General Securities Principal, Financial Operations Principal, etc.). If requalification by exam/retraining was a condition of the sanction, provide length of time given to requalify/retrain, type of exam required and whether condition has been satisfied. If disposition resulted in a fine, penalty, restitution, disgorgement or monetary compensation, provide total amount, portion levied against you or an *advisory affiliate*, date paid and if any portion of penalty was waived:

THE FIRM SHALL CEASE AND DESIST FROM COMMITTING OR CAUSING ANY VIOLATIONS AND ANY FUTURE VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 15 B(C)(1) OF THE EXCHANGE ACT AND MSRB RULE G-17 THEREUNDER; IS CENSURED; SHALL PAY DISGORGEMENT OF \$251,650, AND PREJUDGEMENT INTEREST

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Regulatory Action

Check item(s) being responded to:

☐ 11.C(1)☒ 11.C(2)☐ 11.C(3)☒ 11.C(4)☒ 11.C(5)
☐ 11.D(1)☐ 11.D(2)☐ 11.D(3)☐ 11.D(4)☐ 11.D(5)
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PART I

A. The *person(s)* or entity(ies) for whom this **DRP** is being filed is (are):

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ADV **DRP** - ADVISORY AFFILIATE

CRD Number:

[155291](#)

Registered:

☒ Yes ☐ No

Name:

CENTRAL STATES CAPITAL
MARKETS, LLC
(For individuals, Last, First, Middle)

This *advisory affiliate* is

☒ a Firm ☐ an Individual

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☒ Yes ☐ No

NOTE: The completion of this form does not relieve the *advisory affiliate* of its obligation to update its IARD or *CRD* records.

PART II

1. Regulatory Action initiated by:

☒ SEC ☐ Other Federal ☐ State ☐ SRO ☐ Foreign

(Full name of regulator, *foreign financial regulatory authority*, federal, state, or *SRO*)
SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION

2. Principal Sanction:
Cease and Desist
Other Sanctions:
\$60,000.00 CIVIL MONETARY PENALTY & UNDERTAKINGS
3. Date Initiated (MM/DD/YYYY):
06/18/2015 ☒ Exact ☐ Explanation
If not exact, provide explanation:
4. Docket/Case Number:
3-16612 1786687
5. *Advisory Affiliate* Employing Firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action (if applicable):
6. Principal Product Type:
Debt - Municipal
Other Product Types:
7. Describe the allegations related to this regulatory action (your response must fit within the space provided):
THE SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION ALLEGES THAT CENTRAL STATES CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC VIOLATED SECTION 17(A)(2) OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933. THIS MATTER INVOLVES VIOLATIONS OF AN ANTI-FRAUD PROVISION OF THE FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FIRM'S UNDERWRITING OF CERTAIN MUNICIPALS SECURITIES OFFERINGS.
8. Current Status? ☐ Pending ☐ On Appeal ☒ Final
9. If on appeal, regulatory action appealed to (SEC, *SRO*, Federal or State Court) and Date Appeal Filed:

If Final or On Appeal, complete all items below. For Pending Actions, complete Item 13 only.

10. How was matter resolved:
Settled
11. Resolution Date (MM/DD/YYYY):
06/18/2015 ☒ Exact ☐ Explanation
If not exact, provide explanation:
12. Resolution Detail:

A. Were any of the following Sanctions *Ordered* (check all appropriate items)?

☒ Monetary/Fine Amount: \$ 60,000.00

☐ Revocation/Expulsion/Denial

☐ Censure

☐ Bar

☐ Disgorgement/Restitution

☒ Cease and Desist/Injunction

☐ Suspension

B. Other Sanctions *Ordered*:

Sanction detail: if suspended, *enjoined* or barred, provide duration including start date and capacities affected (General Securities Principal, Financial Operations Principal, etc.). If requalification by exam/retraining was a condition of the sanction, provide length of time given to requalify/retrain, type of exam required and whether condition has been satisfied. If disposition resulted in a fine, penalty, restitution, disgorgement or monetary compensation, provide total amount, portion levied against you or an *advisory affiliate*, date paid and if any portion of penalty was waived:
THE FIRM SHALL CEASE AND DESIST FROM COMMITTING OR CAUSING ANY VIOLATIONS AND ANY FUTURE VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 17 (A)(2) OF THE SECURITIES ACT, PAY A CIVIL MONETARY PENALTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000.00 AND COMPLY WITH THE UNDERTAKINGS ENUMERATED IN THE OFFER OF SETTLEMENT.
13. Provide a brief summary of details related to the action status and (or) disposition and include relevant terms, conditions and dates (your response must fit within the space provided).
IN CONNECTION WITH THE SEC'S MUNICIPALITIES CONTINUING DISCLOSURE COOPERATIVE (MCDC) INITIATIVE, THE FIRM VOLUNTARILY SELF-REPORTED CERTAIN MATTERS RELATED TO IT'S UNDERWRITING OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL SECURITIES OFFERINGS. THE FIRM PARTICIPATED IN THE SEC'S INDUSTRY-WIDE MCDC INITIATIVE PERTAINING TO COMPLIANCE WITH THE SEC RULE 15C2-12.

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Regulatory Action

Check item(s) being responded to:

☐ 11.C(1)	☐ 11.C(2)	☐ 11.C(3)	☐ 11.C(4)	☐ 11.C(5)
☐ 11.D(1)	☒ 11.D(2)	☐ 11.D(3)	☒ 11.D(4)	☐ 11.D(5)
☐ 11.E(1)	☐ 11.E(2)	☐ 11.E(3)	☐ 11.E(4)	
☐ 11.F.	☐ 11.G.			

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One event may result in more than one affirmative answer to Items 11.C., 11.D., 11.E., 11.F. or 11.G. Use only one DRP to report details related to the same event. If an event gives rise to actions by more than one regulator, provide details for each action on a separate DRP.

PART I

A. The *person(s)* or entity(ies) for whom this DRP is being filed is (are):

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- ☐ You and one or more of your *advisory affiliates*
- ☐ One or more of your *advisory affiliates*

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ADV DRP - ADVISORY AFFILIATE

No Information Filed

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B. If the *advisory affiliate* is registered through the IARD system or *CRD* system, has the *advisory affiliate* submitted a DRP (with Form ADV, BD or U-4) to the IARD or *CRD* for the event? If the answer is "Yes," no other information on this DRP must be provided.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

NOTE: The completion of this form does not relieve the *advisory affiliate* of its obligation to update its IARD or *CRD* records.

PART II

1. Regulatory Action initiated by:

- ☐ SEC
- ☐ Other Federal
- ☒ State
- ☐ SRO
- ☐ Foreign

(Full name of regulator, *foreign financial regulatory authority*, federal, state, or *SRO*)

MISSOURI SECURITIES DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

2. Principal Sanction:

Other

Other Sanctions:

CENTRAL STATES CAPITAL MARKETS SHALL PAY \$12,000 TO THE MISSOURI SECRETARY OF STATE INVESTOR EDUCATION PROTECTION FUND

3. Date Initiated (MM/DD/YYYY):

12/27/2016 ☒ Exact ☐ Explanation

If not exact, provide explanation:

4. Docket/Case Number:

5. *Advisory Affiliate* Employing Firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action (if applicable):
6. Principal Product Type:
No Product
Other Product Types:
7. Describe the allegations related to this regulatory action (your response must fit within the space provided):
CENTRAL STATES CAPITAL MARKETS TRANSACTED BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF MISSOURI WITHOUT NOTICE FILING IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 409.4-405
8. Current Status? ☐ Pending ☐ On Appeal ☒ Final
9. If on appeal, regulatory action appealed to (SEC, SRO, Federal or State Court) and Date Appeal Filed:

If Final or On Appeal, complete all items below. For Pending Actions, complete Item 13 only.

10. How was matter resolved:
Consent
11. Resolution Date (MM/DD/YYYY):
12/27/2016 ☒ Exact ☐ Explanation
If not exact, provide explanation:
12. Resolution Detail:

A. Were any of the following Sanctions *Ordered* (check all appropriate items)?

☒ Monetary/Fine Amount: \$ 12,000.00

☐ Revocation/Expulsion/Denial

☐ Censure

☐ Bar

☐ Disgorgement/Restitution

☐ Cease and Desist/Injunction

☐ Suspension

B. Other Sanctions *Ordered*:
CENTRAL STATES CAPITAL MARKETS, IT'S AGENTS, EMPLOYEES AND SERVANTS AND ALL OTHER PERSONS PARTICIPATING IN THIS VIOLATION WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THIS ORDER ARE PERMANENTLY ENJOINED AND RESTRAINED FROM VIOLATING SECTION 409.4-405 EFFECTIVE 12/27/2016. \$12,000 FINE PAID 12/27/2016.
Sanction detail: if suspended, *enjoined* or barred, provide duration including start date and capacities affected (General Securities Principal, Financial Operations Principal, etc.). If requalification by exam/retraining was a condition of the sanction, provide length of time given to requalify/retrain, type of exam required and whether condition has been satisfied. If disposition resulted in a fine, penalty, restitution, disgorgement or monetary compensation, provide total amount, portion levied against you or an *advisory affiliate*, date paid and if any portion of penalty was waived:
CENTRAL STATES CAPITAL MARKETS, IT'S AGENTS, EMPLOYEES AND SERVANTS AND ALL OTHER PERSONS PARTICIPATING IN THIS VIOLATION WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THIS ORDER ARE PERMANENTLY ENJOINED AND RESTRAINED FROM VIOLATING SECTION 409.4-405 EFFECTIVE 12/27/2016. \$12,000 FINE PAID 12/27/2016.
13. Provide a brief summary of details related to the action status and (or) disposition and include relevant terms, conditions and dates (your response must fit within the space provided).
CENTRAL STATES CAPITAL MARKETS FILED TO CHANGE IT'S PRIMARY REGULATOR FROM THE STATE OF KANSAS TO THE SEC IN SEPTEMBER OF 2015. DURING THIS PROCESS WE INADVERTENTLY DE-REGISTERED THE FIRM IN MISSOURI ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2015

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Regulatory Action

Check item(s) being responded to:

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| ☐ 11.C(1) | ☐ 11.C(2) | ☐ 11.C(3) | ☐ 11.C(4) | ☐ 11.C(5) |
| ☐ 11.D(1) | ☒ 11.D(2) | ☐ 11.D(3) | ☐ 11.D(4) | ☐ 11.D(5) |
| ☐ 11.E(1) | ☒ 11.E(2) | ☐ 11.E(3) | ☐ 11.E(4) | |
| ☐ 11.F. | ☐ 11.G. | | | |

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ADV DRP - ADVISORY AFFILIATE

CRD Number:

[155291](#)

This *advisory affiliate* is ☒ a Firm ☐ an Individual

Registered:

☒ Yes ☐ No

Name:

CENTRAL STATES CAPITAL
MARKETS, LLC
(For individuals, Last, First,
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☒ Yes ☐ No

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PART II

1. Regulatory Action initiated by:

☐ SEC ☐ Other Federal ☐ State ☒ SRO ☐ Foreign

(Full name of regulator, *foreign financial regulatory authority*, federal, state, or *SRO*)

FINRA
2. Principal Sanction:

Other Sanctions:
3. Date Initiated (MM/DD/YYYY):

06/22/2018 ☒ Exact ☐ Explanation

If not exact, provide explanation:
4. Docket/Case Number:

2016048239701
5. *Advisory Affiliate* Employing Firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action (if applicable):
6. Principal Product Type:

Debt - Municipal

Other Product Types:

7. Describe the allegations related to this regulatory action (your response must fit within the space provided):

WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE FINDINGS, THE FIRM CONSENTED TO THE SANCTIONS AND TO THE ENTRY OF FINDINGS THAT IT FAILED TO HAVE A PROPERLY REGISTERED MUNICIPAL SECURITIES PRINCIPAL (MSP) SUPERVISE THE UNDERWRITINGS IN THE FIRM'S WICHITA, KS BRANCH OFFICE. THE FINDINGS STATED THAT THE FIRM'S WICHITA BRANCH OFFICE MANAGER SUPERVISED THE OFFICE'S MUNICIPAL SECURITIES BUSINESS, SPECIFICALLY UNDERWRITINGS, WHEN HE DID NOT HAVE A SERIES 53 LICENSE WHICH IS REQUIRED TO SUPERVISE MUNICIPAL SECURITIES BUSINESS, AND THE BRANCH UNDERWROTE TEN BOND OFFERINGS. THE FINDINGS ALSO STATED THAT THE FIRM FAILED TO ENFORCE ITS WRITTEN SUPERVISORY PROCEDURES (WSPS) WHICH REQUIRED A DESIGNATED MSP TO SUPERVISE ITS MUNICIPAL SECURITIES BUSINESS, INCLUDING UNDERWRITING ENGAGEMENTS, AT ITS WICHITA BRANCH OFFICE. THE DESIGNATED MSP, HOWEVER, DID NOT SUPERVISE THE BRANCH'S UNDERWRITING ENGAGEMENTS.

8. Current Status? ☐ Pending ☐ On Appeal ☒ Final

9. If on appeal, regulatory action appealed to (SEC, SRO, Federal or State Court) and Date Appeal Filed:

If Final or On Appeal, complete all items below. For Pending Actions, complete Item 13 only.

10. How was matter resolved:

Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)

11. Resolution Date (MM/DD/YYYY):

06/22/2018 ☒ Exact ☐ Explanation

If not exact, provide explanation:

12. Resolution Detail:

A. Were any of the following Sanctions *Ordered* (check all appropriate items)?

☒ Monetary/Fine Amount: \$ 10,000.00

☐ Revocation/Expulsion/Denial

☒ Censure

☐ Bar

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☐ Suspension

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THE FIRM WAS CENSURED AND FINED \$10,000.00

13. Provide a brief summary of details related to the action status and (or) disposition and include relevant terms, conditions and dates (your response must fit within the space provided).

CENTRAL STATES CAPITAL MARKETS WILL HAVE A MUNICIPAL SECURITIES PRINCIPAL PROPERLY SUPERVISE MUNICIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES IN ALL OF ITS BRANCH OFFICES.

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☐ 11.F.☐ 11.G.

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ADV DRP - ADVISORY AFFILIATE

CRD Number:

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Registered:

☒ Yes ☐ No

Name:

CENTRAL STATES CAPITAL
MARKETS, LLC
(For individuals, Last, First,
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- ☒ Yes ☐ No

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PART II

1. Regulatory Action initiated by:

☒ SEC ☐ Other Federal ☐ State ☐ SRO ☐ Foreign

(Full name of regulator, *foreign financial regulatory authority*, federal, state, or *SRO*)

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
2. Principal Sanction:

Cease and Desist

Other Sanctions:

CENSURE
3. Date Initiated (MM/DD/YYYY):

12/19/2018 ☒ Exact ☐ Explanation

If not exact, provide explanation:
4. Docket/Case Number:

3-18940
5. *Advisory Affiliate* Employing Firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action (if applicable):
6. Principal Product Type:

Other

Other Product Types:

UNSPECIFIED SECURITIES
7. Describe the allegations related to this regulatory action (your response must fit within the space provided):

PROCEEDINGS ARISE OUT OF FAILURE OF THE FIRM TO FILE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTS IN CONNECTION WITH A SERIES OF TRANSACTIONS OCCURRING IN ACCOUNTS AT THE FIRM OWNED BY AN INDIVIDUAL CLAIMING TO ACT AS A CONSULTANT FOR TRIBAL CORPORATIONS.

8. Current Status?

9. If on appeal, regulatory action appealed to (SEC, SRO, Federal or State Court) and Date Appeal Filed:

If Final or On Appeal, complete all items below. For Pending Actions, complete Item 13 only.

10. How was matter resolved:

Order

11. Resolution Date (MM/DD/YYYY):

12/19/2018ExactExplanation

If not exact, provide explanation:

12. Resolution Detail:

A. Were any of the following Sanctions Ordered (check all appropriate items)?

Monetary/Fine Amount: \$

Revocation/Expulsion/Denial

Censure

Bar

Disgorgement/Restitution

Cease and Desist/Injunction

Suspension

B. Other Sanctions Ordered:

UNDERTAKINGS

Sanction detail: if suspended, enjoined or barred, provide duration including start date and capacities affected (General Securities Principal, Financial Operations Principal, etc.). If requalification by exam/retraining was a condition of the sanction, provide length of time given to requalify/retrain, type of exam required and whether condition has been satisfied. If disposition resulted in a fine, penalty, restitution, disgorgement or monetary compensation, provide total amount, portion levied against you or an advisory affiliate, date paid and if any portion of penalty was waived:

THE FIRM WAS CENSURED, ORDERED TO CEASE AND DESIST AND SHALL COMPLY WITH THE UNDERTAKINGS ENUMERATED IN THE ORDER. CSCM PAID A FINE OF \$400,000 TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ON DECEMBER 18, 2018.

13. Provide a brief summary of details related to the action status and (or) disposition and include relevant terms, conditions and dates (your response must fit within the space provided).

CSCM IS COMPLYING WITH THE UNDERTAKINGS ENUMERATED IN THE ORDER AND HAS ENGAGED AN APPROVED INDEPENDENT AML CONSULTANT. THE CONSULTANT WILL BEGIN THEIR ONSITE REVIEW ON FEBRUARY 19, 2019 AND CSCM WILL IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDED AML IMPROVEMENTS.

CIVIL JUDICIAL ACTION DISCLOSURE REPORTING PAGE (ADV)

No Information Filed

Arbitration DRPs

No Information Filed

Bond DRPs

No Information Filed

Judgment/Lien DRPs

No Information Filed

Part 1B Item 1 - State Registration

You must complete this Part 1B only if you are applying for registration, or are registered, as an investment adviser with any of the state securities authorities.

Complete this Item 1 if you are submitting an initial application for state registration or requesting additional state registration(s). Check the boxes next to the states to which you are submitting this application. If you are already registered with at least one state and are applying for registration with an additional state or states, check the boxes next to the states in which you are applying for registration. Do not check the boxes next to the states in which you are currently registered or where you have an application for registration pending.

Jurisdictions

AL

AK

IL

IN

NE

NV

SC

SD

☐ AZ	☒ IA	☐ NH	☐ TN
☐ AR	☒ KS	☐ NJ	☐ TX
☒ CA	☐ KY	☐ NM	☐ UT
☐ CO	☐ LA	☐ NY	☐ VT
☐ CT	☐ ME	☐ NC	☐ VI
☐ DE	☐ MD	☐ ND	☐ VA
☐ DC	☐ MA	☐ OH	☐ WA
☐ FL	☐ MI	☐ OK	☐ WV
☒ GA	☐ MN	☐ OR	☐ WI
☐ GU	☐ MS	☐ PA	☐ WY
☐ HI	☒ MO	☐ PR	
☐ ID	☐ MT	☐ RI	

Part 1B Item 2 - Additional Information

Complete this Item 2A. only if the person responsible for supervision and compliance does not appear in Item 1J. or 1K. of Form ADV Part 1A:

A. Person responsible for supervision and compliance:

Name:	Title:		
Telephone:	Fax:		
Number and Street 1:	Number and Street 2:		
City:	State:	Country:	ZIP+4/Postal Code:

Email address, if available:

If this address is a private residence, check this box: ☐

B. Bond/Capital Information, if required by your *home state*

(1) Name of Issuing Insurance Company:	
(2) Amount of Bond:	
\$.00	
(3) Bond Policy Number:	
(4) If required by your home state, are you in compliance with your home state's minimum capital requirements?	Yes No ☐ ☐

Part 1B - Disclosure Questions

BOND DISCLOSURE	
For "yes" answers to the following question, complete a Bond DRP.	Yes No
C. Has a bonding company ever denied, paid out on, or revoked a bond for you, any <i>advisory affiliate</i> , or any <i>management person</i> ?	☐ ☒

JUDGMENT/LIEN DISCLOSURE	
For "yes" answers to the following question, complete a Judgment/Lien DRP.	Yes No
D. Are there any unsatisfied judgments or liens against you, any <i>advisory affiliate</i> , or any <i>management person</i> ?	☐ ☒

ARBITRATION DISCLOSURE	
For "yes" answers to the following questions, complete an Arbitration DRP.	
E. Are you, any <i>advisory affiliate</i> , or any <i>management person</i> currently the subject of, or have you, any <i>advisory affiliate</i> , or any <i>management person</i> been the subject of, an arbitration claim alleging damages in excess of \$2,500, involving any of the following:	Yes No
(1) any investment or an <i>investment-related</i> business or activity?	☐ ☒
(2) fraud, false statement, or omission?	☐ ☒
(3) theft, embezzlement, or other wrongful taking of property?	☐ ☒
(4) bribery, forgery, counterfeiting, or extortion?	☐ ☒
(5) dishonest, unfair, or unethical practices?	☐ ☒

CIVIL JUDICIAL DISCLOSURE	
For "yes" answers to the following questions, complete a Civil Judicial Action DRP.	
F. Are you, any <i>advisory affiliate</i> , or any <i>management person</i> currently subject to, or have you, any <i>advisory affiliate</i> , or any <i>management person</i> been <i>found</i> liable in, a civil, <i>self-regulatory organization</i> , or administrative <i>proceeding</i> involving any of the following:	Yes No
(1) an investment or <i>investment-related</i> business or activity?	☐ ☒
(2) fraud, false statement, or omission?	☐ ☒
(3) theft, embezzlement, or other wrongful taking of property?	☐ ☒
(4) bribery, forgery, counterfeiting, or extortion?	☐ ☒



G. Other Business Activities

(1) Are you, any *advisory affiliate*, or any *management person* actively engaged in business as a(n) (check all that apply):

☐ Tax Preparer

☐ Issuer of securities

☐ Sponsor or syndicator of limited partnerships (or equivalent), excluding pooled investment vehicles

☐ Sponsor, general partner, managing member (or equivalent) of pooled investment vehicles

☐ Real estate adviser

(2) If you, any *advisory affiliate*, or any *management person* are actively engaged in any business other than those listed in Item 6.A of Part 1A or Item 2.G(1) of Part 1B, describe the business and the approximate amount of time spent on that business:

H. If you provide financial planning services, the investments made based on those services at the end of your last fiscal year totaled:

	Securities Investments	Non-Securities Investments
Under \$100,000	☐	☐
\$100,001 to \$500,000	☐	☐
\$500,001 to \$1,000,000	☐	☐
\$1,000,001 to \$2,500,000	☐	☐
\$2,500,001 to \$5,000,000	☐	☐
More than \$5,000,000	☐	☐

If securities investments are over \$5,000,000, how much? (round to the nearest \$1,000,000)

If non-securities investments are over \$5,000,000, how much? (round to the nearest \$1,000,000)

I. Custody

(1) Advisory Fees

Do you withdraw advisory fees directly from your *clients'* accounts? If you answered "yes", respond to the following:

(a) Do you send a copy of your invoice to the custodian or trustee at the same time that you send a copy to the *client*? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(b) Does the custodian send quarterly statements to your *clients* showing all disbursements for the custodian account, including the amount of the advisory fees? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(c) Do your *clients* provide written authorization permitting you to be paid directly for their accounts held by the custodian or trustee? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(2) Pooled Investment Vehicles and Trusts

(a) (i) Do you or a *related person* act as a general partner, managing member, or person serving in a similar capacity, for any pooled investment vehicle for which you are the adviser to the pooled investment vehicle, or for which you are the adviser to one or more of the investors in the pooled investment vehicle? If you answered "yes", respond to the following: ☐ Yes ☐ No

(a) (ii) As the general partner, managing member, or person serving in a similar capacity, have you or a *related person* engaged any of the following to provide authority permitting each direct payment or any transfer of funds or securities from the account of the pooled investment vehicle?

Attorney ☐ Yes ☐ No

Independent certified public accountant ☐ Yes ☐ No

Other independent party ☐ Yes ☐ No

Describe the independent party:

For purposes of this Item 2I.2(a), "Independent party" means a person that: (A) is engaged by the investment adviser to act as a gatekeeper for the payment of fees, expenses and capital withdrawals from the pooled investment; (B) does not control and is not controlled by and is not under common control with the investment adviser; (C) does not have, and has not had within the past two years, a material business relationship with the investment adviser; and (D) shall not negotiate or agree to have material business relations or commonly controlled relations with an investment adviser for a period of two years after serving as the person engaged in an independent party agreement.

(b) Do you or a *related person* act as investment adviser and a trustee for any trust, or act as a trustee for any trust in which your advisory clients are beneficiaries of the trust? ☐ Yes ☒ No

(3) Do you require the prepayment of fees of more than \$500 per *client* and for six months or more in advance? ☐ Yes ☒ No

J. If you are organized as a sole proprietorship, please answer the following:

(1) (a) Have you passed, on or after January 1, 2000, the Series 65 examination? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(b) Have you passed, on or after January 1, 2000, the Series 66 examination and also passed, at any time, the Series 7 examination? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(2) (a) Do you have any investment advisory professional designations? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "no", you do not need to answer Item 2.J(2)(b).

(b) I have earned and I am in good standing with the organization that issued the following credential:

☐ Certified Financial Planner ("CFP")

☐ Chartered Financial Analyst ("CFA")

☐ Chartered Financial Consultant ("ChFC")

☐ Chartered Investment Counselor ("CIC")

- ☐ Personal Financial Specialist ("PFS")
- ☐ None of the above

(3) Your Social Security Number:

- K. If you are organized other than as a sole proprietorship, please provide the following:
- (1) Indicate the date you obtained your legal status. Date of formation: 03/05/2012
- (2) Indicate your IRS Empl. Ident. No.:

Part 2

Amend, retire or file new brochures:

Brochure ID	Brochure Name	Brochure Type(s)
408261	CENTRAL STATES CAPITAL MARKETS FORM ADV PART 2A & 2B	Individuals, High net worth individuals, Pension plans/profit sharing plans, Other institutional, Includes material about supervised persons that would otherwise be in a supplement (state-registered advisers only), The document is a Brochure Supplement for one or more supervised persons (state-registered advisers only)
423436	CENTRAL STATES CAPITAL MARKETS FORM ADV PART 2A & 2B	Includes material about supervised persons that would otherwise be in a supplement (state-registered advisers only), The document is a Brochure Supplement for one or more supervised persons (state-registered advisers only), Individuals, High net worth individuals, Pension plans/profit sharing plans, Other institutional

Execution Pages

DOMESTIC INVESTMENT ADVISER EXECUTION PAGE

You must complete the following Execution Page to Form ADV. This execution page must be signed and attached to your initial submission of Form ADV to the SEC and all amendments.

Appointment of Agent for Service of Process

By signing this Form ADV Execution Page, you, the undersigned adviser, irrevocably appoint the Secretary of State or other legally designated officer, of the state in which you maintain your *principal office and place of business* and any other state in which you are submitting a *notice filing*, as your agents to receive service, and agree that such *persons* may accept service on your behalf, of any notice, subpoena, summons, *order* instituting *proceedings*, demand for arbitration, or other process or papers, and you further agree that such service may be made by registered or certified mail, in any federal or state action, administrative *proceeding* or arbitration brought against you in any place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, if the action, *proceeding*, or arbitration (a) arises out of any activity in connection with your investment advisory business that is subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, and (b) is *founded*, directly or indirectly, upon the provisions of: (i) the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, the Investment Company Act of 1940, or the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, or any rule or regulation under any of these acts, or (ii) the laws of the state in which you maintain your *principal office and place of business* or of any state in which you are submitting a *notice filing*.

Signature

I, the undersigned, sign this Form ADV on behalf of, and with the authority of, the investment adviser. The investment adviser and I both certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that the information and statements made in this ADV, including exhibits and any other information submitted, are true and correct, and that I am signing this Form ADV Execution Page as a free and voluntary act.

I certify that the adviser's books and records will be preserved and available for inspection as required by law. Finally, I authorize any *person* having *custody* or possession of these books and records to make them available to federal and state regulatory representatives.

Signature:

JOHN D STEPP

Printed Name:

JOHN D STEPP

Adviser *CRD* Number:

155291

Date: MM/DD/YYYY

02/19/2026

Title:

MANAGING DIRECTOR AND CEO

NON-RESIDENT INVESTMENT ADVISER EXECUTION PAGE

You must complete the following Execution Page to Form ADV. This execution page must be signed and attached to your initial submission of Form ADV to the SEC and all amendments.

1. Appointment of Agent for Service of Process

By signing this Form ADV Execution Page, you, the undersigned adviser, irrevocably appoint each of the Secretary of the SEC, and the Secretary of State or other legally designated officer, of any other state in which you are submitting a *notice filing*, as your agents to receive service, and agree that such persons may accept service on your behalf, of any notice, subpoena, summons, *order* instituting *proceedings*, demand for arbitration, or other process or papers, and you further agree that such service may be made by registered or certified mail, in any federal or state action, administrative *proceeding* or arbitration brought against you in any place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, if the action, *proceeding* or arbitration (a) arises out of any activity in connection with your investment advisory business that is subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, and (b) is *founded*, directly or indirectly, upon the provisions of: (i) the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, the Investment Company Act of 1940, or the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, or any rule or regulation under any of these acts, or (ii) the laws of any state in which you are submitting a *notice filing*.

2. Appointment and Consent: Effect on Partnerships

If you are organized as a partnership, this irrevocable power of attorney and consent to service of process will continue in effect if any partner withdraws from or is admitted to the partnership, provided that the admission or withdrawal does not create a new partnership. If the partnership dissolves, this irrevocable power of attorney and consent shall be in effect for any action brought against you or any of your former partners.

3. *Non-Resident* Investment Adviser Undertaking Regarding Books and Records

By signing this Form ADV, you also agree to provide, at your own expense, to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission at its principal office in Washington D.C., at any Regional or District Office of the Commission, or at any one of its offices in the United States, as specified by the Commission, correct, current, and complete copies of any or all records that you are required to maintain under Rule 204-2 under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. This undertaking shall be binding upon you, your heirs, successors and assigns, and any *person* subject to your written irrevocable consents or powers of attorney or any of your general partners and *managing agents*.

Signature

I, the undersigned, sign this Form ADV on behalf of, and with the authority of, the *non-resident* investment adviser. The investment adviser and I both certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that the information and statements made in this ADV, including exhibits and any other information submitted, are true and correct, and that I am signing this Form ADV Execution Page as a free and voluntary act.

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Signature:

Date: MM/DD/YYYY

Printed Name:

Title:

Adviser *CRD* Number:

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STATE-REGISTERED INVESTMENT ADVISER EXECUTION PAGE

You must complete the following Execution Page to Form ADV. This execution page must be signed and attached to your initial application for state registration and all amendments to registration.

1. Appointment of Agent for Service of Process

By signing this Form ADV Execution Page, you, the undersigned adviser, irrevocably appoint the legally designated officers and their successors, of the state in which you maintain your *principal office and place of business* and any other state in which you are applying for registration or amending your registration, as your agents to receive service, and agree that such persons may accept service on your behalf, of any notice, subpoena, summons, *order* instituting *proceedings*, demand for arbitration, or other process or papers, and you further agree that such service may be made by registered or certified mail, in any federal or state action, administrative *proceeding* or arbitration brought against you in any place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, if the action, *proceeding*, or arbitration (a) arises out of any activity in connection with your investment advisory business that is subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, and (b) is founded, directly or indirectly, upon the provisions of: (i) the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, the Investment Company Act of 1940, or the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, or any rule or regulation under any of these acts, or (ii) the laws of the state in which you maintain your *principal office and place of business* or of any state in which you are applying for registration or amending your registration.

2. State-Registered Investment Adviser Affidavit

If you are subject to state regulation, by signing this Form ADV, you represent that, you are in compliance with the registration requirements of the state in which you maintain your principal place of business and are in compliance with the bonding, capital, and recordkeeping requirements of that state.

Signature

I, the undersigned, sign this Form ADV on behalf of, and with the authority of, the investment adviser. The investment adviser and I both certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that the information and statements made in this ADV, including exhibits and any other information submitted, are true and correct, and that I am signing this Form ADV Execution Page as a free and voluntary act.

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