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# Marian Financial Services, Inc.

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## ITEM 2 - MATERIAL CHANGES FOR THIS UPDATE

This last update prior to this one was January 24, 2025.

The reasons for this update are the following:

This is our required Annual Amendment that must be filed each year.

We have removed verbiage related to Altruist, LLC and Altruist Financial, LLC. We are no longer offering Altruist as a custodian for client accounts.

We have added references to AssetMark, Inc. as an outsourced Registered Investment Adviser firm that offers a host of separately managed accounts. We have added references to Fidelity Investments as an additional qualified custodian available through our relationship with AssetMark, Inc.

We have updated verbiage related to the Pontera® Platform and how our fee is calculated.

Our assets under management have been updated as of December 31, 2025.

*Please note that when you see the acronym “MarianFS” in this document, this is an abbreviation for our firm name Marian Financial Services, Inc.*

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## ITEM 4 - ADVISORY BUSINESS

### A. INFORMATION ABOUT OUR FIRM

Marian Financial Services, Inc. started operations in August of 2006. Richard Mark Allison is currently the 100% owner of the firm. Marian Financial Services, Inc., hereinafter referred to as "MarianFS", is a Registered Investment Adviser with the State of California, Florida, Louisiana and Texas. MarianFS may do business in other states as part of a *de minimus* exemption (less than five clients in a state.) MarianFS will obtain the required licensing in other states if required.

### B. ADVISORY SERVICES OFFERED

MarianFS performs investment management or supervisory services and acts as a Portfolio Manager for client accounts on a discretionary basis. MarianFS designs and implements their own ETF, stocks, and mutual fund portfolios for clients of our firm. Financial Planning is included for clients who open an investment management account with our firm at no additional fee upon request by a client. However, MarianFS can also be hired for Financial Planning services on a negotiated flat fee basis, *only* if a client does not desire investment management services.

**State of California Requirement:** California Code of Regulations Section 260.235.2 Disclosure of Compensation for Financial Planning Activities. This CA Code Section 260.235.2 states:

(a) It shall constitute a fraudulent, deceptive, or manipulative act, practice, or course of business within the meaning of Section 25235 of the Code for an investment adviser or an associated person of an investment adviser to fail to deliver to a financial planning client a notice in writing containing at least the information found below at the time of entering into a contract for, or otherwise arranging for the provision of, the delivery of a financial plan:

(1) Whether the investment adviser, or an affiliate or associated person of the investment adviser, will receive commissions from the sale of insurance or real estate or will receive fees or other compensation from the sale of securities or other products or services recommended in the financial plan or otherwise has a conflict of interest. If so, that a conflict exists between the interests of the investment adviser or associated person and the interests of the client. This requirement does not apply to an investment adviser or an associated person of the investment adviser if the investment adviser, an associated person of the investment adviser, and an affiliate of the investment adviser will not receive fees or other compensation from the sale of securities or other products or services recommended in the financial plan, and if such persons otherwise do not have a conflict of interest.

(2) The client is under no obligation to act on the investment adviser's or associated person's recommendation. Moreover, if the client elects to act on any of the recommendations, the client is under no obligation to affect the transaction through the investment adviser or the associated person when such person is employed as an agent with a licensed broker-dealer or is licensed as a broker-dealer or through any associate or affiliate of such person.

(b) "Financial planning" includes, in all or part, but is not limited to, the preparation of a financial plan by an investment adviser or an associated person of an investment adviser for an investment advisory client which may include estate or tax planning recommendations, an annual or periodic review of a financial plan, the management and/or monitoring of a client's investments under a financial plan, the provision of information and/or advice to a client regarding the purchase and/or sale of securities, real estate, insurance contracts, annuities contracts, or any types of real or personal property under a financial plan.

## C. MONEY MANAGEMENT PROCESS AND RESTRICTIONS

Each investment account that we manage is based on one of our model portfolios described below with some potential for limited customization to the individual client at the discretion of MarianFS. Clients may impose restrictions regarding in-kind securities held in their separate accounts, but generally not about investments from our model portfolios described below.

### ***MarianFS Exchange Traded Fund Portfolios***

MarianFS designs, implements, and monitors Exchange Traded Funds (ETF) model portfolios to manage client accounts. We also build ETF portfolios custom tailored to the individual client. All our ETF Portfolios may hold some of the following asset classes listed below but are not limited to only these asset classes.

#### **Equity Asset Classes:**

Large Cap Growth	Mid-Cap Growth	Small Cap Growth
Large Cap Value	Mid-Cap Value	Small Cap Value
Large Cap Equal Weight	Mid-Cap Equal Weight	Small Cap Equal Weight
Large Cap Low Volatility	Mid-Cap Low Volatility	Small Cap Low Volatility
Large Cap Index + Options	Mid-Cap Index + Options	Small Cap Index + Options
Asia Pacific	Europe	S&P 500 Sectors
Frontier Markets	Micro-Cap	Commodities/MLP's
Gold/Silver	FTSE World Index ex-US	MSCI Emerging Markets
International Real Estate	U.S. Real Estate	Digital Assets
MSCI EAFE	MSCI EM Low Volatility	MSCI EAFE Low Volatility

#### **Fixed Income Asset Classes:**

Short Term US/Corp. Bonds	Intermediate Term US/Corp. Bonds	High Yield Corporate Bonds
Long Term US/Corp. Bonds	Target Date Corp. Bonds	FDIC Insured CD's
US Inflation (TIPS) Bonds	EM Local Currency Bonds	Sovereign (Foreign Govt.) Debt

#### **Cash or Cash Equivalents**

Cash & Bank Sweep Funds	Money Market Funds	Tax-free Money Market Funds
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#### ***Legacy ETF Portfolios (Currently available)***

<i>Ultra-Income ETF</i>	40 - 55% Equities	60 – 45% Fixed Income & Cash
<i>Income ETF</i>	55 - 60% Equities	45 – 40% Fixed Income & Cash
<i>Growth &amp; Income ETF</i>	55 - 65% Equities	45 – 35% Fixed Income & Cash
<i>Growth ETF</i>	65 - 75% Equities	35 – 25% Fixed Income & Cash
<i>Aggressive Growth ETF</i>	75 - 85% Equities	25 – 15% Fixed Income & Cash

#### ***New ETF Portfolios (Available May 2023)***

<i>Hybrid Income ETF</i>	40 - 55% Equities	60 – 45% Fixed Income & Cash
<i>Hybrid Income and Growth ETF</i>	40 - 55% Equities	60 – 45% Fixed Income & Cash
<i>Hybrid Growth and Income ETF</i>	55 - 60% Equities	45 – 40% Fixed Income & Cash
<i>Hybrid Growth ETF</i>	65 - 75% Equities	35 – 25% Fixed Income & Cash
<i>Hybrid Aggressive Growth ETF</i>	75 - 85% Equities	25 – 15% Fixed Income & Cash



The percentages above are guidelines and *may vary* based on the movement of the underlying securities held in each portfolio over time. Individual client requests and restrictions may alter the equity mix of the ETF portfolio chosen and therefore the performance of the portfolio.

### ***MarianFS Stock Portfolios***

MarianFS also offers investment advice on individual stocks and may include some stocks in a “*Custom ETF and Stocks Portfolios*” as shown below. MarianFS can design either an All Stock, Blue Chip, Competitive Advantage, or Equal Weight Portfolio or include one of the two stock portfolios in combination with an ETF portfolio above for clients.

<i>MarianFS All Stock Portfolio</i>	98% Equities	2% Fixed Income & Cash
<i>MarianFS Competitive Advantage Portfolio</i>	98% Equities	2% Fixed Income & Cash
<i>MarianFS Equal-Weight Portfolio</i>	98% Equities	2% Fixed Income & Cash
<i>MarianFS Blue Chip Portfolio</i>	98% Equities	2% Fixed Income & Cash
<i>MarianFS ETF and Stock Portfolios</i>	30 - 85% Equities	15 – 70% Fixed Income & Cash

**Note:** *Individual investor objectives, financial situations, their specific instructions or restrictions on investments or the time at which an account is opened, or additions are made may result in different trades and returns from our MarianFS ETF or Stock Portfolios. Performance for the other MarianFS ETF or Stock Portfolios (not chosen) may differ materially more or less than the MarianFS ETF or Stock Portfolio chosen for your account. It should not be assumed that future recommendations will be profitable or equal past MarianFS ETF or Stock Portfolio performance.*

### **D. PARTICIPATION IN WRAP FEE PROGRAMS.**

Our firm does not offer nor participate in wrap fee programs that are managed by MarianFS.

### **E. ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT**

The amount of discretionary assets that we manage is \$12,723,380. The amount of non-discretionary assets that we manage is \$1,164,280. The total assets under management are \$13,887,660. These figures are as of December 31, 2025.

## **ITEM 5 - FEES AND COMPENSATION**

### **A. FEE SCHEDULE**

#### ***Investment Management Services (Portfolio Management)***

These fees are negotiable, and the final fee schedule will be detailed in the Investment Advisory Contract. Our standard fee schedule for Investment Management Services per account is below:

\$1 to \$500,000	= 1.25% annually, payable quarterly
On the next \$500,001 - \$1,000,000	= 0.75% annually, payable quarterly
On the next \$1,000,001 and up	= 0.50% annually, payable quarterly

## ***Retirement Participant Account Management via Pontera® (Discretionary)***

We use a third party platform, Pontera®, to facilitate management of held away assets such as defined contribution plan participant accounts, specifically 401(k), 403(b), 401(a), Thrift Savings Plans and some 457 plans, with discretion. The platform allows us to avoid being considered to have custody of Client funds since we do not have direct access to Client log-in credentials to affect trades. We are not affiliated with the platform in any way and receive no compensation from them for using their platform. A link will be provided to the Client allowing them to connect an account(s) to the platform. Once the Client account(s) is connected to the platform, Adviser will review the current account allocations. When deemed necessary, Adviser will rebalance the account considering client investment goals and risk tolerance, and any change in allocations will consider current economic and market trends. The goal is to improve account performance over time, minimize loss during difficult markets, and manage internal fees that harm account performance. Client account(s) will be reviewed at least quarterly and allocation changes will be made as deemed necessary.

Our firm is charged 0.30% for access to this Pontera® platform. Our gross fee to each client participant account is 1.00%, annually, payable quarterly in advance. We net 0.70% of that 1%, because of the 0.30% third party platform charge. This 1.00% is billed to another account held by the client with our firm and is not billed to the participant account. As an alternative, we can bill you quarterly directly via invoice. We accept Square® payments, or checks made payable to our firm.

### ***Financial Planning Services***

On a case-by-case basis, MarianFS can be hired for Financial Planning only services for a negotiated flat fee that ranges from \$600 to \$1,800 per year. Financial Planning services are automatically included at no additional fee for clients who subscribe to Investment Management Services. Financial Planning only services is for clients who do not want Investment Management Services and is only offered on a case-by-case basis at a mutually agreeable fee. Financial Planning only services is billed via invoice when the Financial Plan is delivered and can be paid by check or debit/credit card. MarianFS has the right to discontinue this Financial Planning only offer at any time.

### ***Estate Planning Services***

We are members of an Estate Planning Network of licensed attorneys who agree to prepare legal documents for a reduced fee from what typical estate planning attorneys charge. The fee for a one person Will is \$249. The fee for a married couple set of two Wills is \$498. The fee is \$699 for a single or married couple Revocable Living Trust. If each married couple wants their own Revocable Living Trust, then the fee is \$1,398 (\$699 x's 2). MarianFS charges \$250 for help with a single Will, \$500 (\$250 x's 2) for help with a married couple set of Wills and \$500 for either a single or separate married couple Revocable Living Trusts. These MarianFS fees are in addition to the fees charged by the attorney. MarianFS does not share fees with any attorney. MarianFS is not an attorney and does not give legal advice. MarianFS only facilitates the data gathering, delivery of the legal documents from the attorney and notarizes the legal documents for the client(s).

### ***Hourly and Flat Fee Services***

MarianFS charges \$250 per hour fee or a flat fee for assisting clients with client requested services. An example of a client requested service would be assisting clients with processing death paperwork at other firms for beneficiaries.

Hourly services are billed via Square® invoice upon completion of the services requested.

An example of Flat Fee Services would be to assist clients in the data gathering and the initial preparation needed to hire an attorney, or legal document preparation firm that will draft legal documents such as Revocable Living Trusts, Wills, Health Care Powers of Attorneys, Durable Powers of Attorneys, and related documents. Flat Fees are billed via invoice upon completion of the services requested and can be paid by check or debit/credit card via Square® invoicing. There is a fee range of \$250 to \$500 for hiring our firm for Estate Planning Services. Attorney fees are separate and not shared with our firm. See the “Estate Planning Price Guide” for full details and the breakdown of the fees charged by the attorney and our firm.

### ***Selection of Other Advisors***

We have a relationship with AssetMark, Inc. that is an SEC Registered Investment Adviser, CRD # SEC # 801-56323 located at 1655 Grant St., 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Concord, CA 94520. AssetMark, Inc. offers a comprehensive list of separately managed accounts (SMA) for portfolio management options. We currently only use Morningstar Investment Services, Inc., an SEC Registered Investment Adviser, CRD # 108031 SEC # 801-56896 as a separately managed account (SMA) option(s) through our relationship with AssetMark, Inc.

Our relationship with AssetMark, Inc. allows us access to other qualified custodians such as Fidelity Investments and BNY Mellon Pershing. Although, at this time, we only use Fidelity through AssetMark, Inc. If a prospective client has an existing account with Fidelity Investments, or BNY Mellon Pershing and they wish to keep their account at either of those qualified custodians, then we would be able to accommodate them via our relationship with AssetMark, Inc.

### ***Reasonableness of Advisory Fee***

Mr. Allison entered the securities business in March of 1988 and has over 37 years of experience advising clients on the complicated issues of investing. Mr. Allison has authored five books on investing and financial planning and has a deep knowledge of the financial planning field as a CFP® licensee since 1992. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Arkansas-Little Rock, plus a real estate license. Mr. Allison is uniquely qualified to make and offer investment and financial planning advice to clients for the fees described above. A financial plan is included for all investment management clients for no additional fee. Further, clients deal directly with Mr. Allison for assistance rather than being passed off to a junior investment adviser with less experience than Mr. Allison. In light of these factors, Mr. Allison feels that his fee schedule is reasonable in comparison to other investment adviser firms. However, you may be able to find comparable services for a lower fee from other registered investment adviser firms.

## **B. PAYMENT OF FEES**

### ***Payment of Fees for Portfolio Management***

Fees are paid quarterly in advance by deducting them from each client account. Alternatively, we can bill one account for two or more accounts, or accept Square® payments, or checks payable to our firm.

## **C. CLIENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIRD PARTY FEES**

Our firm currently uses commission-free Stocks and ETFs from Charles Schwab & Co. Inc. Charles Schwab & Co. Inc. may also charge other fees such as interest on margin loans, wired funds fees, checkbook fees, insufficient funds fees and other fees disclosed in the Charles Schwab & Co. Inc. Pricing Guide which is available upon opening an account and online <https://www.schwab.com/pricing>.



Other fees the clients may incur are related to the ETF's or mutual funds that are recommended or held in their accounts. These fees are charged by the ETF or mutual fund issuer/distributor and are not shared with Marian Financial Services, Inc. Please review the specific ETF or mutual fund prospectus for a detailed disclosure of all related fees.

For managing participant accounts in 401(a), 401(k) 403(b), 457 or TSP plans, on the Pontera® Platform, our firm pays the 0.30% Pontera® annual fee on behalf of the client. This Pontera® fee is reimbursed to our firm with our fee billed quarterly to the client. The maximum fee for clients that allows us to manage their participant account via the Pontera® Platform is 1.25% per year. However, we typically charge 0.50% annually for these participant accounts, plus the Pontera® Platform fee of 0.30% for a total of 0.80% per year.

#### D. TERMINATION AND FEE REFUNDS

Clients may terminate their accounts with written notice to our home office. MarianFS retains the right to terminate their relationship with clients with either verbal or written notice. Upon termination by either MarianFS or the client, the effective date of termination shall be used as the ending date for valuation of the Account. The final charge for Investment Management services shall cover the period from the first day of the quarter to the termination date. Our fees are charged in advance. If termination of an account occurs, then Clients would receive a final bill for Investment Management services that would include the actual number of days that the account or accounts under management were in the quarter. Refunds would be paid for Clients who were charged in advance for any unused days in the quarter after the termination date.

#### E. OUTSIDE COMPENSATION FOR THE SALE OF SECURITIES TO CLIENTS

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

See Item 10., C. for conflicts of interests and how our firm addresses these conflicts.

#### ITEM 6 - PERFORMANCE BASED FEES

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

#### ITEM 7 - TYPES OF CLIENTS

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

- Individuals
- High Net-Worth Individuals
- Trusts and Estates
- Client owned businesses
- Retirement Plans

## **Minimum Account Size**

MarianFS requires a minimum of \$25,000 for the MarianFS All Stock, the MarianFS Blue Chip, the MarianFS Competitive Advantage, or the MarianFS Equal Weight Stock Portfolio. We require a \$25,000 minimum for an ETF and/or mutual fund portfolios, unless reduced or waived.

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

Investing involves risk and the potential for loss of principal. There is a risk of principal loss with our investment management strategy because we invest in asset classes that are not guaranteed, but rather are subject to the volatility of the domestic and foreign stock and bond markets. The client assumes the risk of principal loss by opening an account with MarianFS.

MarianFS's securities analysis methods include technical analysis or charting, and fundamental analysis based on published research such as financial newspapers, magazines, web sites, and research material prepared by others, corporate rating services, annual reports, prospectuses, SEC filings and Company Press Releases. We rely primarily on independent research provided by Morningstar, Argus, Ned Davis, and Charles Schwab & Co. Inc.

The investment strategies used to implement any investment advice to clients include Long Term Purchases (securities held at least one year), Short Term Purchases (securities held less than one year), Short Term Trading (securities sold within 30 days), Short Sales, Margin Transactions and Option writing, including covered options, uncovered options, or spreading strategies. More specifically, MarianFS's investment strategies are based on Global Tactical Asset Allocation utilizing Equal-Weighted Equity Investments and Low Volatility Investments. Global Tactical Asset Allocation is based on Modern Portfolio Theory but utilizes occasional timing changes of asset classes.

MarianFS may on occasion move clients to cash, increase, decrease, or eliminate exposure to certain asset classes. On occasion, we may also dollar cost into asset class positions based on market volatility. These changes in one of our portfolios require trades to be made each month which can decrease the overall performance of a portfolio if the market trends up during the dollar cost averaging period. Conversely, dollar cost averaging is beneficial, **if** the market trends down during the dollar cost averaging period.

### **A. RISKS OF SPECIFIC SECURITIES UTILIZED**

Our investment recommendations are primarily geared towards Exchange Traded Funds or ETFs based on an underlying index. Exchange Trade Funds have unique risks specific to the ETF asset class recommended. A summary of the major risks is detailed below. These risk summaries are not all inclusive. More details about each ETF fund used in our recommendations can be found in the specific ETF fund's Summary Prospectuses, Full Prospectuses, Statement of Additional Information, Semi-annual and Annual Reports.

#### **Equity or Stock ETF Risk Summary**

##### *Primary Risks*

(For more specific risk information, refer to the individual ETF prospectus.)

An investment in an ETF Fund could lose money over short or even long periods. You should expect an ETF Fund's share price and total return to fluctuate within a wide range, like the fluctuations of the global stock market. An Equity or Stock ETF Fund's performance could be hurt by:

- *Stock market risk*, which is the chance that stock prices overall, will decline. Stock markets tend to move in cycles, with periods of rising prices and periods of falling prices. An ETF Fund's investments in foreign stock markets can be riskier than U.S. stock investments. The prices of foreign stocks and the prices of U.S. stocks have, at times, moved in opposite directions. In addition, an ETF Fund's target index may, at times, become focused in stocks of a sector, category, or group of companies.
- *Country/regional risk*, which is the chance that world events—such as political upheaval, financial troubles, or natural disasters—will adversely affect the value of securities issued by companies in foreign countries or regions. Because an ETF Fund may invest a large portion of its assets in securities of companies located in any one country or region, an ETF Fund's performance may be hurt disproportionately by the poor performance of its investments in that area. Country/regional risk is especially high in emerging markets.
- *Emerging markets risk*, which is the chance that the stocks of companies located in emerging markets will be substantially more volatile, and substantially less liquid, than the stocks of companies located in more developed foreign markets.
- *Currency risk*, which is the chance that the value of a foreign investment, measured in U.S. dollars, will decrease because of unfavorable changes in currency exchange rates. Currency risk is especially high in emerging markets.
- *Index sampling risk*, which is the chance that the securities selected for an ETF Fund, in the aggregate, will not provide investment performance matching that of the ETF Fund's target index. Index sampling risk is also known as "tracking risk," because it fails to accurately track the performance of the index it is following as an investment strategy.

## Fixed Income or Bond ETF Risk Summary

### Primary Risks

(For more specific risk information, refer to the individual ETF prospectus.)

Bond ETF Funds can also move up or down depending on the current strength or weakness of the overall economies of the country issuing the bonds, or the government or corporate issuer. The Bond ETF Fund's performance could be hurt by:

- *Interest rate risk*, which is the chance that bond prices overall will decline because of rising interest rates. Interest rate risk should be low for a Bond ETF Fund that invests mainly in short-term bonds, whose prices are much less sensitive to interest rate changes than are the prices of long-term bonds.
- *Income risk*, which is the chance that a Bond ETF Fund's income will decline because of falling interest rates. Income risk is generally high for short-term bond funds, so investors should expect the Fund's monthly income to fluctuate.
- *Credit risk*, which is the chance that a bond issuer will fail to pay interest and principal in a timely manner, or that negative perceptions of the issuer's ability to make such payments will cause the price of that bond to decline. Corporations do go bankrupt and in turn, fail to pay interest and principal. Credit risk ordinarily should be lower for Bond ETF Fund that purchases only bonds that are issued by

the U.S. Treasury or are of investment-grade quality. However, it is always possible that even U.S. Treasury debt can be downgraded, thus subjecting it to interest rate risk and income risk, in addition to Credit risk.

- *Sovereign debt risk*, which is the chance that the country issuing the debt will default. Going back historically, there is a litany of countries who have defaulted on their debt in the past. Given that it has happened in the past, we must assume that it may also happen in the future. A relatively recent example of Sovereign Debt problems are the countries that make up the acronym, “PIIGS.” The countries with Sovereign Debt problems that this acronym represents are Portugal, Ireland, Italy, Greece, and Spain. When a country loses its credit rating or it is discovered that they are having trouble paying their debt, then the price that they must pay investors (the interest rate) goes up and the price of these bonds, go down in value. See Credit Risk above.
- *Index sampling risk*, which is the chance that the securities selected for a Bond ETF Fund, in the aggregate, will not provide investment performance matching that of the Bond ETF Fund’s target index. Index sampling risk is also known as “tracking risk,” because it fails to accurately track the performance of the index it is following as an investment strategy.

## Exchange Risks

*Because ETF Shares are traded on an exchange, they are subject to additional risks:*

ETF Shares may be listed for trading on NYSE Arca and can be bought and sold on the secondary market (other Exchanges or Over-the-Counter) at market prices. Although it is expected that the market price of an ETF Share typically will approximate its net asset value (NAV), there may be times when the market price and the NAV vary significantly. Thus, you may pay more than NAV when you buy ETF Shares on the secondary market, and you may receive less than NAV when you sell those shares.

Trading of ETF Shares on NYSE Arca may be halted if NYSE Arca officials deem such action appropriate, if ETF Shares are delisted from NYSE Arca, or if the activation of market wide “circuit breakers” halts stock trading generally. Therefore, this risk is hard to quantify, but nevertheless, we must assume this risk can negatively impact a portfolio.

## US Government Issued Investments Risk

The US Dollar has long been the preferred currency around the world, and this has benefited US Government issued investments, such as Treasury Bills, Notes and Bonds, for example. However, if this were to change, such as a move to a gold standard or a US Dollar Digital Coin (USDC) by the US Government, then it would represent a risk to investment portfolios that is hard to quantify for potential clients, because it may cause a sell-off in US Government issued investments.

## ETF Funds are Not Guaranteed or Insured

An investment in an ETF Fund is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

## Cybersecurity Risks

MarianFS, ETF issuers, mutual fund issuers, banks and custodians are all subject to cybersecurity risks. Cybersecurity risks are those risks where the electronic information of these firms may become compromised by criminals. Unfortunately, it is not possible to be 100% secure from cybersecurity risks in today's environment. However, all these types of firms, including MarianFS do their best to ensure that cybersecurity risks are kept to an absolute minimum.

Our firm, MarianFS, uses two factor authentication, fingerprint identification and facial identification to access sensitive client data on our electronic devices (computers, tablets, and cell phones.) In addition, we have backup systems in place in the cloud that allow us to maintain backup copies of client data and allow us to continue to serve our clients even if our electronic devices were lost or stolen. These files stored in the cloud are encrypted.

Further, we utilize a secure email system that allows us to pre-screen the source of all emails without fear of any emails invading our computers. We are able to read emails as a .txt file, before we allow the email to go through. This allows us to see if it is a legitimate email or a dangerous one. **We monitor daily the sources of all emails.** Our secure email system allows us to **block emails permanently** from specific email addresses, specific domains (anydomain.com), top-level domains (.shop, .biz, etc.), country-based domains (.ru (Russia)), spoofed domains (belsouth.net - misspelled to make it look legitimate) and specific IP addresses (0.0.0.0) which often times are the true source of the phishing attempts. All of our secure email processing is time intensive, crucial to our business and we take it very seriously. We are confident in our controls that we have in place to protect our firm and clients, but we will review them periodically and add new cybersecurity technology as protections improve in the future.

We are currently using AT&T's firewall for fiber optics networks to protect our computers from malware, hacking, and ransomware. Zoho mail protects us from phishing attempts. We also use Malwarebytes and Aura for further protections.

We do not allow any self-running Artificial Intelligence (AI) programs to run on any of our computers. We feel the risk is too great and is similar to allowing a hacker to infiltrate your systems. Further, we do not see a time in the future that we would agree to allow any AI program to self-run on our systems.

We are serious about protecting client data and our systems.

## ITEM 9 - DISCIPLINARY INFORMATION

### A. DISCIPLINARY INFORMATION

There are no disciplinary events that involve our firm, Marian Financial Services, Inc., or our principal officer Richard M. Allison.

## ITEM 10 - OTHER FINANCIAL INDUSTRY ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS

### A. REGISTRATION AS A BROKER-DEALER OR BROKER-DEALER REPRESENTATIVE

MarianFS is not affiliated with any broker-dealer nor is our investment adviser representative, Mr. Allison.

## B. REGISTRATION RELATED TO COMMODITIES TRADING OR ADVISING

Neither MarianFS, nor its investment adviser representative, Mr. Allison is affiliated with any commodities firm or commodities exchange.

## C. REGISTRATION RELATIONSHIPS AND POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Charles Schwab & Co. Inc. is our primary custodian for client accounts. Marian Financial Services, Inc. does not hold custody of client's accounts. Client accounts are held at Charles Schwab & Co. Inc. and their affiliate Charles Schwab Bank.

Although there are other custodians in the investment advisory marketplace, we prefer to place our client's accounts primarily with Charles Schwab & Co. Inc. Schwab is the largest custodian for registered investment advisers in the marketplace and a well-known brand to consumers. In addition, Schwab offers a great web site for clients, zero commissions for trades, a broad suite of investments including mutual funds, stocks, and ETF's that, all totaled, allows us to service our clients in a more efficient manner, in our opinion. The fact that we use Charles Schwab & Co. Inc. as our custodians for our client accounts and do not use other custodians for our ETF Portfolios may constitute a conflict of interest. Other custodians may offer custodial services at the same or a lower cost. Clients are advised to consider this before doing business with our firm.

As part of an overall financial plan, Mr. Allison may recommend the purchase or sale of real estate, and this would constitute a conflict of interest. Mr. Allison is a licensed real estate agent with INI Realty Referral, Inc. and if you allow him to refer you to a real estate agent, broker, or real estate brokerage firm, then Mr. Allison may earn a referral fee. This may constitute a conflict of interest since this would be compensation over and above his compensation from Marian Financial Services, Inc. You are under no obligation to act upon Mr. Allison's recommendation to refer you to INI Realty Referral, Inc., or any other real estate firm. You are free to execute any recommendation for the purchase or sale of real estate through a real estate agent of your own choosing.

As part of an overall financial plan, the fact that Mr. Allison receives compensation from real estate purchase or sales referrals, then this means

- a) a conflict exists between your interests and the interests of Mr. Allison.
- b) you are under no obligation to act upon Mr. Allison's recommendations; and
- c) if you elect to act on any recommendations, then you are under no obligation to execute the transaction through Mr. Allison.

## D. SELECTION OF OTHER ADVISORS

When we select other advisors for our clients, we make sure that they are properly licensed and registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).



## ITEM 11 - CODE OF ETHICS, PARTICIPATION OR INTEREST IN CLIENT TRANSACTIONS AND PERSONAL TRADING

### A. CODE OF ETHICS

MarianFS has a written Code of Ethics that covers the following areas: Prohibited Purchases and Sales, Insider Trading, Personal Securities Transactions, Exempted Transactions, Prohibited Activities, Conflicts of Interest, Gifts and Entertainment, Confidentiality, Service on a Board of Directors, Compliance Procedures, Compliance with Laws and Regulations, Personal Securities Transactions, Procedures and Reporting, Certification of Compliance, Reporting Violations, Compliance Officer Duties, Training and Education, Recordkeeping, Annual Review, and Sanctions. You may request to see our code of ethics. For a copy of the code of the Code of Ethics, please ask your financial advisor.

### B. RECOMMENDATIONS INVOLVING MATERIAL FINANCIAL INTERESTS

MarianFS does not participate or have an interest in Client Transactions. We do not share profits or losses with clients. All fees earned by our custodian Charles Schwab & Co. Inc. is not shared with MarianFS.

### C. INVESTING PERSONAL MONEY IN THE SAME SECURITIES AS CLIENTS

From time to time, Mr. Allison of MarianFS may buy or sell securities for himself or family members that he also recommends to clients. These trades may be done prior to, at the same time, or after trades for other clients. However, we strive to avoid placing our interests above those of our clients with these trades.

### D. TRADING SECURITIES AT/AROUND THE SAME TIME AS CLIENTS' SECURITIES

If Mr. Allison places a trade for his own account (or family members) that is related to one of our ETF or Stocks Model Portfolios, it is usually done at the same time as trading decisions are made for our clients. Because of this rule, we hope to remove any kind of favoritism for the personal trading of Mr. Allison, or his family members as opposed to our clients. Some trades are based solely as a result of a new contribution to an account, and therefore are not in conflict with other clients.

## ITEM 12 - BROKERAGE PRACTICES

### A. FACTORS USED TO SELECT CUSTODIANS AND/OR BROKER-DEALERS

**The custodian and brokers we use.** Our firm does not maintain custody of your assets that we manage, although we may be deemed to have custody of your assets if you give us authority to withdraw assets from your account (see Item 15—Custody, below). Your assets must be maintained in an account at a “qualified custodian,” generally a broker-dealer or bank. We primarily recommend that our clients use Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. (Schwab), a registered broker-dealer, member SIPC, as the qualified custodian, but we also offer access to Fidelity Investments through our relationship with AssetMark, Inc. We are independently owned and operated and are not affiliated with AssetMark, Fidelity or Schwab. Fidelity or Schwab will hold your assets in a brokerage account and buy and sell securities when we or you instruct them to. While we recommend that you use Schwab as our primary

custodian/broker, you will decide whether to do so and will open your account with Schwab by entering into an account agreement directly with them. We do not open the account for you, although we may assist you in doing so. Even though your account is maintained at Fidelity or Schwab, in certain instances, we may be able to use other brokers to execute trades for your account as described below (see “Your brokerage and custody costs”).

**Other brokers/custodians that we can accommodate.** We may be able to accommodate clients who would rather keep their accounts held at other custodians such as at the firm holding their IRA, Roth IRA, SEP, SIMPLE, 401(k), or 403(b) accounts. We can accommodate clients with outside accounts with a limited power of attorney by our firm on those outside accounts, and/or through our Participant Account Management discretionary services.

**How we select brokers/custodians.** We seek to select a custodian/broker that will hold your assets and execute transactions on terms that are, overall, most advantageous when compared with other available providers and their services. We consider a wide range of factors, including:

- Combination of transaction execution services and asset custody services (generally without a separate fee for custody)
- Capability to execute, clear, and settle trades (buy and sell securities for your account)
- Capability to facilitate transfers and payments to and from accounts (wire transfers, check requests, bill payment, etc.)
- Breadth of available investment products (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, exchange-traded funds (ETFs), etc.)
- Availability of investment research and tools that assist us in making investment decisions
- Quality of services
- Competitiveness of the price of those services (commission rates, margin interest rates, other fees, etc.) and willingness to negotiate the prices
- Reputation, financial strength, and stability
- Prior service to us and our other clients
- Automatic rebalancing of client account
- Fractional share trading of stocks
- Direct Indexing
- Availability of other products and services that benefit us, as discussed below (see “Products and services available to us from Schwab”)

**Trading Aggregation and Best Execution.** We do not aggregate trades for client accounts, because there is no transaction cost to trade client accounts at Fidelity or Schwab. Therefore, there is no advantage to aggregate trades for client accounts since there is no impact on trading costs. It is very difficult to discern any loss to clients from best execution of trades through Fidelity or Schwab. For example, when we purchase 37 shares of an ETF versus 100 shares of the same ETF. In prior years, before commission free trading, there may have been an advantage to trade in 100 share lots. However, Fidelity and Schwab’s standard trading practices aggregates trades firm wide which allows our clients to benefit from odd share trades and fractional shares.

**Your brokerage and custody costs.** For our clients’ accounts that Schwab maintains, Schwab generally does not charge you separately for custody services but is compensated by earning fees in various ways from your Schwab account. See the Schwab Advisor Services Pricing Guide for more details.

**Products and services available to us from Schwab.** Schwab Advisor Services™ (formerly called

Schwab Institutional®) is Schwab's business serving independent investment advisory firms like us. They provide us and our clients with access to its institutional brokerage services (trading, custody, reporting, and related services), many of which are not typically available to Schwab retail customers. Schwab also makes available various support services. Some of those services help us manage or administer our clients' accounts, while others help us manage and grow our business. Schwab's support services are generally available on an unsolicited basis (we don't have to request them) and at no charge to us. Following is a more detailed description of Schwab's support services:

**Services that benefit you.** Schwab's institutional brokerage services include access to a broad range of investment products, execution of securities transactions, and custody of client assets. The investment products available through Schwab include some to which we might not otherwise have access or that would require a significantly higher minimum initial investment by our clients. Schwab's services described in this paragraph generally benefit you and your account.

**Services that may not directly benefit you.** Schwab also makes available to us other products and services that benefit us but may not directly benefit you or your account. These products and services assist us in managing and administering our clients' accounts. They include investment research, both Schwab's own and that of third parties. We may use this research to service all or a substantial number of our clients' accounts, including accounts not maintained at Schwab. In addition to investment research, Schwab also makes available software and other technology that:

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

**Services that generally benefit only us.** Schwab also offers other services intended to help us manage and further develop our business enterprise. These services include:

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

Schwab may provide some of these services itself. In other cases, it will arrange for third-party vendors to provide the services to us. Schwab may also discount or waive its fees for some of these services or pay all or a part of a third party's fees. Schwab may also provide us with other benefits, such as occasional business entertainment of our personnel.

**Our interest in Schwab's services.** The availability of these services from Schwab benefits us because we do not have to produce or purchase them. We don't have to pay for Schwab's services. We may have an incentive to recommend that you maintain your account with Schwab, based on our interest in receiving Schwab's services that benefit our business rather than based on your interest in receiving the best value in custody services and the most favorable execution of your transactions. This is a potential conflict of interest. We believe, however, that our selection of Schwab as custodian and broker is in the best interests of our clients. Our selection is primarily supported by the



scope, quality, and price of Schwab's services (see "How we select brokers/custodians") and not Schwab's services that benefit only us.

### ***Brokerage for Client Referrals***

AssetMark, Fidelity or Charles Schwab & Co. Inc. does not provide client referrals to our firm.

### ***Directed Brokerage***

While acting as a fiduciary, MarianFS endeavors to act in its clients' best interests. MarianFS's recommendation that clients maintain their assets in accounts at Schwab may be based in part on the benefit to MarianFS of the availability of some of the foregoing products and services and not solely on the nature, cost or quality of custody and brokerage services provided by Schwab, which may create a potential conflict of interest. By directing brokerage transactions through Charles Schwab & Co. Inc., our firm may not be able to achieve the most favorable execution of client transactions in comparison to competitors of Charles Schwab & Co. Inc. This practice of recommending Charles Schwab & Co. Inc. may potentially cost a client money due to the possibility that best execution for client transactions may be obtained at other custodians or competitors of Charles Schwab & Co. Inc.

## **ITEM 13 - REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS**

### **A. FREQUENCY AND NATURE OF PERIODIC REVIEWS AND WHO MAKES THOSE REVIEWS**

Richard M. Allison, CFP® is the *Portfolio Manager* and performs the review of client accounts. Informal reviews are conducted quarterly with Formal reviews conducted annually. The *Portfolio Manager* will also make changes to client's portfolios due to market conditions at his discretion without contacting the client in advance.

### **B. FACTORS THAT WILL TRIGGER A NON-PERIODIC REVIEW OF CLIENT ACCOUNTS**

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

### **C. CONTENT AND FREQUENCY OF REGULAR REPORTS PROVIDED TO CLIENTS**

Clients will receive at least a quarterly statement of account from the custodian, Fidelity, or Charles Schwab. If there is enough activity to warrant a monthly statement, then the custodian may also provide a monthly statement to the client. Our firm offers some reporting on Fidelity and Charles Schwab accounts to help with client meetings and at tax time, but we found that most clients rely on the statements from Fidelity and Charles Schwab, therefore we no longer automatically provide quarterly account statements generated by our firm. We may still do so as a courtesy, however.

**Note:** Client statements provided by Fidelity or Charles Schwab are the account statements to rely on for clients of MarianFS. Any client statements provided by AssetMark, Inc. or MarianFS should be compared against the statements from Fidelity or Charles Schwab for accuracy.



## ITEM 14 - CLIENT REFERRALS AND OTHER COMPENSATION

### A. ECONOMIC BENEFITS PROVIDED BY THIRD PARTIES FOR ADVICE RENDERED TO CLIENTS

MarianFS does not receive any economic benefits by third parties for advice rendered to our clients. However, our firm principal, Richard M. Allison may receive certain allowances, reimbursements, or services such as airline or hotel discounts, meals including refreshments and special entertainment such as city tours or musical guests for attending training events or promotional events sponsored by third party companies such as insurance companies, investment companies, other investment advisers or custodians. See Item 12 for economic benefits provided by Charles Schwab & Co., Inc.

### B. COMPENSATION PAID TO SOLICITORS WHO REFER CLIENTS TO OUR FIRM

MarianFS does not have Solicitor agreements with other investment adviser representatives who refer clients to our firm.

## ITEM 15 - CUSTODY

MarianFS does not hold custody of its client's accounts other than to deduct our fees directly from client accounts if so authorized. Client accounts are held at Fidelity or Charles Schwab & Co., Inc., both of whom meet the definition of a "qualified custodian." Clients will receive custodial statements directly from Fidelity or Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. at least quarterly.

### **California Code of Regulations Section 260.237. Custody or Possession of Funds or Securities of Clients. Item (b) Exceptions (3) Fee Deduction.**

Notwithstanding paragraph (a)(6) of this section, an investment adviser is not required to obtain an independent verification of client funds and securities maintained by a qualified custodian, and will not be required to meet the custodial requirements set forth in Section 260.237.2 and Section 260.241.2 of these rules if all of the following are met:

(A) The investment adviser has custody of the funds and securities solely as a consequence of its authority to make withdrawals from client accounts to pay its advisory fee.

(B) The investment adviser has written authorization from the client to deduct advisory fees from the account held with the qualified custodian.

(C) Each time a fee is directly deducted from a client account, the investment adviser concurrently:

1. Sends the qualified custodian an invoice or statement of the amount of the fee to be deducted from the client's account; and

2. Sends the client an invoice or statement itemizing the fee. Itemization includes the formula used to calculate the fee, the value of the assets under management on which the fee is based, and the time period covered by the fee.

(D) The investment adviser notifies the [California] Commissioner in writing that the investment adviser intends to use the safeguards provided in this paragraph (b)(3). Such notification is required to be given on Form ADV.

## ITEM 16 - INVESTMENT DISCRETION

MarianFS is a discretionary investment manager. This means that we do not have to consult you before we make trades on your behalf. Our discretionary authority extends to the security chosen and the timing, amount and number of shares purchased or sold. Initially however, we do consult you as to which positions to maintain and which positions can be sold.

## ITEM 17 - VOTING CLIENT SECURITIES

### A. PROXY VOTING

MarianFS does not vote client securities. We feel it is in a client's best interest to receive their own proxy materials and vote as they wish. Clients will receive proxies directly from the issuer of the security or the custodian. Clients should direct all proxy questions to the issuer of the security or custodian.

### B. AUTHORITY

MarianFS does not vote client securities and even if a client *inadvertently* grants our firm authority to vote proxies on their behalf, we will not do so no matter what.

## ITEM 18 - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### A. BALANCE SHEET

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

### B. FINANCIAL CONDITIONS RELATED TO CUSTODY AND DISCRETION

This is not applicable to MarianFS since we do not have custody of client accounts other than to deduct our management fees directly from client accounts. Our firm does not have any debt or financial conditions that would preclude us from meeting our contractual commitments to clients.

### C. BANKRUPTCY PETITIONS IN PREVIOUS TEN YEARS

Neither MarianFS nor its principal, Richard M. Allison (or the formerly named Richard Allison Johnson) have been the subject of a bankruptcy petition in the last ten years.

## ITEM 19 - REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE REGISTERED INVESTMENT ADVISERS

### A. MANAGEMENT PERSONS EDUCATION AND BUSINESS BACKGROUND

The principal officer for MarianFS is Richard M. Allison. Mr. Allison is the President and Chief Compliance Officer for the firm. Information about Mr. Allison education and business background can be found in his Form ADV 2B brochure supplement which is provided to clients.

## B. OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES OF THE PRINCIPAL OFFICERS AND ADVISERS

Mr. Allison is the only officer of our firm and only investment adviser representative. Information about Mr. Allison and his other businesses can be found in his Form ADV 2B brochure supplements which is provided to clients.

## C. CALCULATION OF PERFORMANCE BASED FEES AND DEGREE OF RISK TO CLIENTS

Our firm is not compensated for advisory services with performance-based fees.

## D. MATERIAL DISCIPLINARY DISCLOSURES FOR MANAGEMENT PERSONS OF THIS FIRM

There are no disciplinary events that involve our firm, Marian Financial Services, Inc. or our principal officer, Richard M. Allison.

## E. MATERIAL RELATIONSHIPS THAT THE PRINCIPALS HAVE WITH ISSUERS OF SECURITIES

There are no material relationships that the principals have with the issuers of any securities.

## Form ADV 2B - Brochure Supplement

### **Richard Mark Allison – CRD# 1813496**

This brochure supplement provides information about Richard Mark Allison that supplements the Marian Financial Services, Inc. Form ADV Part 2A brochure. You should have received a copy of that brochure. Please contact Richard Mark Allison if you did not receive Marian Financial Services, Inc.'s brochure or if you have any questions about the contents of this supplement.

Please note that information about our investment adviser firm and investment adviser representatives is found in three different locations. 1) at the SEC's website located at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov). 2) at [investor.gov/CRS](http://investor.gov/CRS) and 3) at [brokercheck.finra.org](http://brokercheck.finra.org). Our firm **is not** affiliated with a broker-dealer, nor do we have any registered representatives. We are a Registered Investment Adviser.

Registration as a Registered Investment Adviser does not imply a certain level of skill or training. A Registered Investment Adviser refers to the firm itself, not any person.

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## Item 2 - Education & Experience Background

### NAME:

- Richard Mark Allison, President, Chief Compliance Officer & Portfolio Manager
- Formerly known as Richard Allison Johnson
  - Voluntarily restored birth name to Richard Mark Allison in 2019
- *Born: 1956*

### EDUCATION BACKGROUND:

- The University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR) -Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice - Personal Finance Minor awarded May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- Attended the University of North Florida 2016-2017 – Transferred hours to UALR for graduation.

### FINANCIAL DESIGNATIONS:

- Certified Financial Planner<sup>®</sup> – 1992
- Chartered Advisor for Senior Living<sup>®</sup> - 2005
- Chartered Mutual Fund Counselor<sup>®</sup> - 1998

### BUSINESS BACKGROUND:

- Marian Financial Services, Inc. - President, CCO & Investment Adviser - 2008 - Present
- RIA Rules, LLC – Principal/Managing Member - 2004 – Present
  - *RIA Rules, LLC is a firm offering RIA compliance consulting to State Registered Investment Adviser firms. See <https://www.riarules.com> for more details.*
    - *RIA Rules, LLC was formerly known as First Coast Planning, LLC. First Coast Planning LLC changed its name to RIA Rules, LLC in 2020.*
    - *First Coast Planning LLC was formerly known as Rick Johnson Family Office LLC from 2004 to 2015.*
- INI Realty Referral, Inc. – Real Estate Sales Associate – 2017 - Present
- INI Realty Investments, Inc. – Real Estate Sales Associate – 2013 – 2016

## MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL DESIGNATIONS

### CFP® - CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ DESIGNATION

The CFP® is granted by the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards.

Mr. Allison earned the CFP® License on 12/1/1992. His License number is 045467.

The requirements for obtaining and maintaining the CFP® designation are granted by the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards. Their website is located at <http://www.cfp.net>. A synopsis of the requirements to obtain the CFP® designation is as follows:

#### A) EDUCATION REQUIREMENT

Before applying for the CFP® Certification Examination, you need to complete the education requirements set by CFP Board. You can fulfill the education requirement through one of three paths:

- 1) Complete a CFP Board-Registered Education Program
- 2) Apply for Challenge Status
- 3) Request a Transcript Review

#### B) BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT

A bachelor's degree (or higher), or its equivalent, in any discipline, from an accredited college or university<sup>1</sup> is required to attain CFP® certification. The bachelor's degree requirement for the CFP® certification became effective March 1, 2007. At the time, Mr. Allison (formerly Mr. Johnson) was granted the CFP® designation, there was not a bachelor's degree requirement in effect. However, he has earned his bachelor's degree as of May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice with a Personal Finance Minor from the University of Arkansas-Little Rock.

<sup>1</sup> An "accredited college or university" is one that has been accredited by an accreditation body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. To confirm a school's accreditation please visit the [Department of Education's Web site](http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/Search.aspx) ([ope.ed.gov/accreditation/Search.aspx](http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/Search.aspx)).

#### C) PASS THE CFP® CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION

The CFP® Certification Examination tests your ability to apply your financial planning knowledge to client situations. The 10-hour exam is divided into three separate sessions. Because of the integrated nature of financial planning, however, each session may cover all topic areas. All questions are multiple-choice, including those questions related to case problems.

At the time, he studied for the CFP® designation, there were six individual three-hour exams that he had to pass, 18 hours total, instead of the 10-hour examination that is in effect today. In addition, each test included an essay and multiple-choice questions as opposed to today where it is all multiple-choice questions. He completed all six exams consecutively without fail over a two-year period and was granted the CFP® designation and license on December 1, 1992. Each course was considered 3 hours of college equivalent credit or 18 hours total.

The course curriculum that he took was based on these six areas of study:

- Estate Planning
- Retirement Planning
- Insurance Planning & Risk Management
- Investment Planning
- General Principles of Financial Planning
- Tax Planning

D) MEET THE EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT

At least three years of qualifying full-time work experience are required for certification. Qualifying experience includes work that can be categorized into one of the six primary elements of the personal financial planning process. Experience can be gained in many ways including:

- The delivery of all, or any portion, of the personal financial planning process to a client.
- The direct support or supervision of individuals who deliver all, or any portion, of the personal financial planning process to a client.
- Teaching all or any portion of the personal financial planning process.

He obtained his life insurance license in 1984 (inactive as of December 2021) and his securities license in 1988. He qualified for three years of full-time work experience before obtaining his certification in 1992.

E) PASS CANDIDATE FITNESS STANDARDS AND BACKGROUND CHECK

Applicants for CFP® certification must pass CFP Board's *Candidate Fitness Standards*, which describe conduct that will or may bar an individual from being certified. After you have met the education, examination, and work experience requirements, you must disclose past or pending litigation or agency proceedings and agree to abide by the CFP Board's *Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility*, *Rules of Conduct*, and *Financial Planning Practice Standards*. A background check will also be conducted.

He passed the initial background check and met the CFP Board's Candidate Fitness Standards and continues to meet these standards today. He will gladly have his fingerprints taken and submit them to the FBI and then have the results mailed to any client who requests them.

F) PAY CERTIFICATION FEES

Upon completing the first three steps, fees will apply as follows:

- A one-time, non-refundable initial certification application fee of \$150 for the background checks as noted above.
- An annual certification fee (subject to change by the CFP® Board.)
- He has paid the required fees to maintain his CFP® certification continuously since it was first granted on December 1, 1992.



G) AUTHORIZATION TO USE THE CFP®, CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™, AND MARKS.

He received his authorization to use the CFP® Designation and mark on December 1, 1992. To maintain the CFP® designation, he must complete 30 hours of Continuing Education in the field of Financial Planning every two years. He has continuously complied with the 30 hours of Continuing Education requirement each reporting period since he first earned the right to use the CFP® mark.

Verification that Mr. Allison does indeed hold the CFP® Designation as claimed in this document can be obtained by searching for Mr. Allison at the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards website at [www.cfp.net](http://www.cfp.net) or by calling 800-487-1497.

**CASL® - CHARTERED ADVISOR FOR SENIOR LIVING®**

The CASL® is granted by The American College of Financial Services, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

He was granted the CASL® designation on August 1, 2005.

A CASL® (Chartered Advisor for Senior Living™) is a financial services professional who is uniquely qualified to work with mature clients and those planning for retirement. A CASL® has the specific knowledge and experience to enhance the quality of your later years by assisting you with important investment, health insurance, retirement, and estate planning decisions. A CASL® can provide guidance and assistance on a broad range of financial and senior lifestyle topics including:

- Saving for retirement
- Structuring distributions from pensions, 401(k)s, 403(b)s, IRAs, and Social Security
- Planning for health and long-term care needs
- Developing effective estate planning strategies

A) EXPERIENCE

The experience requirement for the CASL® designation may be satisfied by EITHER of the following:

- Achieving the experience requirements for The College's CLU®, ChFC®, RHU®, REBC®, and CLF® designations, OR
- Advise clients on financial and/or practical matters relating to their retirement years or on issues dealing with aging for at least three of the five years preceding the awarding of the designation. The same rules for part-time qualifying experience count for this type of work experience as count toward the CLU® and ChFC® designations.

## B) CODE OF ETHICS

Each designee will be required to adhere to The American College's Code of Ethics and Procedures. Embodied in the Code are the Professional Pledge and the eight Canons.

## C) CONTINUING EDUCATION

Each designee must complete 15 hours of continuing education every two years with the additional condition that at least 10 of these hours should be in course work directly related to the course work required to obtain this designation. The CE requirements for the CASL® designation are administered by the PACE Recertification Program.

The CASL® designation has five required courses which are:

- HS 328 Investments
- HS 330 Fundamentals of Estate Planning
- HS 350 Understanding the Older Client
- HS 351 Health and Long-Term Care Financing for Seniors
- HS 352 Financial Decisions for Retirement

Each CASL course is considered 3 hours of college equivalent credit or 15 hours total.

*Note:* The CASL® designation is considered a legacy designation by The American College meaning that it is no longer offered. Current CASL® designation holders may maintain their CASL® designation by paying their fee to The American College and continuing to fulfill the ethics and continuing education requirements each reporting period.

## CMFC® - CHARTERED MUTUAL FUND COUNSELOR® DESIGNATION

The CMFC® is granted by the College for Financial Planning.

He was granted the CMFC® Designation on March 2, 1998.

The CMFC Program is the only industry-recognized mutual fund designation. It is the result of collaboration between the College for Financial Planning® and the Investment Company Institute (ICI), the primary trade association for the mutual fund industry. The program's quality and thoroughness reflect the combined experience and expertise of the College and the ICI.

This program provides you with a thorough knowledge of mutual funds and their various uses as investment vehicles. As a graduate of the program, you can approach mutual funds with a new understanding and confidence, as well as having the ability to communicate that confidence to your clients.

## A) REQUIREMENTS

The College for Financial Planning® awards the CHARTERED MUTUAL FUND COUNSELOR™ AND CMFC® designation to students who complete the program must:

- Pass the final examination; and

- Comply with the Code of Ethics, which includes agreeing to abide by the Standards of Professional Conduct and Terms and Conditions. Applicants must also disclose any criminal, civil, self-regulatory organization, or governmental agency inquiry, investigation, or proceeding relating to their professional or business conduct. Conferment of the designation is contingent upon the College for Financial Planning's review of matters either self-disclosed or which are discovered by the College that is required to be disclosed.
- Students must sign and return the Code of Ethics forms within six months of passing the final exam. Failure to complete and submit the forms within this time frame may result in the termination of the individual's candidacy. If an individual wishes to apply for authorization to use the Marks in the future, he or she may be required to fulfill the initial designation requirements in place at the time of passing the exam.
- Successful students receive a certificate and are granted the right to use the designation on correspondence and business cards for two years.

**B) CONTINUED USE**

Continued use of the CMFC® designation is subject to ongoing renewal requirements. Every two years individuals must renew their right to continue using the CMFC® designation by:

- Completing 16 hours of continuing education.
- Reaffirming to abide by the Standards of Professional Conduct, Terms and Conditions, and self-disclose any criminal, civil, self-regulatory organization, or governmental agency inquiry, investigation, or proceeding relating to their professional or business conduct; and
- Paying a biennial renewal fee of \$95.

**C) CHARTERED MUTUAL FUND COUNSELOR® COURSE CURRICULUM:**

- Introduction to Mutual Funds
- Open & Closed-End Funds: Types & Characteristics
- Other Packaged Investment Products
- Risk/Return: Part I
- Risk/Return: Part II
- Asset Allocation
- Selecting a Mutual Fund for a Client
- Retirement Planning
- Ethics, Integrity & Professional Conduct

The CMFC® or Chartered Mutual Fund Counselor® Designation is a legacy designation meaning that it is no longer offered to new students by the College of Financial Planning which is owned by Kaplan Financial Education. However, current designees may maintain their CMFC® designation by fulfilling continuing education requirements and paying the bi-annual renewal fee.

## Item 3 - Disciplinary Information

Mr. Allison has a clean securities and investment adviser background history and therefore he has no disciplinary information on his record about any securities licenses and or designations that he has held in the past or currently holds today in Florida or any other state.

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

## Item 4 - Other Business Activities

### RIA RULES, LLC

Richard Mark Allison owns 100% of RIA Rules, LLC (non-investment related) which is a firm where he conducts his compliance consulting activities for other Registered Investment Adviser firms. His website is located at: <http://www.riarules.com>.

Mr. Allison spends about 5 - 10% of his time working for RIA Rules, LLC and about 90 - 95% of his time working for Marian Financial Services, Inc. RIA Rules, LLC was formerly known as First Coast Planning from March 2015 until February 2020. First Coast Planning, LLC was formerly known as Rick Johnson Family Office LLC from August 2004 until March 2015. RIA Rules, LLC is not affiliated with Marian Financial Services, Inc. However, both firms are owned 100% by Mr. Allison.

### INI REALTY REFERRAL, INC.



Mr. Allison is a real estate sales associate licensed with INI Realty Referral, Inc. located at 3603 Cardinal Point Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32257. Their website is located at <http://www.inirealtyinvestments.com>. INI Realty Referral, Inc. has no affiliation with Marian Financial Services, Inc. INI Realty Referral, Inc. is a subsidiary of INI Realty Investments, Inc.

From time to time, Mr. Allison runs across clients and prospects who may be selling their real estate or looking to buy real estate, including businesses. He seeks to assist anyone who needs help with these activities. He will earn a split of the standard real estate commission for this activity. He spends less than 5% of his time on this activity.

### ESTATE GURU

Mr. Allison is affiliated with Estate Guru and their network of attorneys for legal document creation. (<https://www.estateguru.com>) Mr. Allison is not an attorney, but rather assists the client and the network attorney with data input related to legal document creation.

### NOTARY PUBLIC

Mr. Allison is a notary public with the state of Florida. His notary commission number is 456443 and his commission expires on October 30, 2027.

## CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

As part of an overall financial plan, the fact that Mr. Allison may receive compensation from real estate purchase or sales referrals, then means a) a conflict exists between your interests and the interests of Mr. Allison; b) you are under no obligation to act upon Mr. Allison's recommendations; and c) if you elect to act on any recommendations, then you are under no obligation to execute the transaction through Mr. Allison.

## Item 5 - Additional Compensation

### 401(K) COMPENSATION

Mr. Allison receives a 401(k)-employer matching contribution plus a discretionary profit-sharing contribution in addition to his salary for his efforts in running the firm. He is not paid per new client account for investment management services.

## Item 6 - Supervision

Mr. Allison is a 100% owner of Marian Financial Services, Inc. and is self-supervised.

## Item 7 - Additional Disclosure Requirements for State-Registered Advisers

### A. DISCIPLINARY INFORMATION

See Item 3 above.

### B. BANKRUPTCY INFORMATION

Mr. Allison (or under his former name, Richard Allison Johnson) has never declared bankruptcy.

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