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Form ADV Part 2A - Firm Brochure

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This Brochure provides information about the qualifications and business practices of Soaring Wealth LLC ("SW"). If you have any questions about the contents of this Brochure, please contact us at 802-881-0580 or service@soaring-wealth.com. The information in this Brochure has not been approved or verified by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission or by any state securities authority.

Soaring Wealth LLC is registered as an Investment Adviser with the State of Vermont. Registration of an Investment Adviser does not imply a certain level of skill or training.

Additional information about SW is also available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov which can be found using the firm's identification number 299867.

Item 2: Material Changes

Since the most recent filing of Form ADV Part 2A dated September 12, 2023, Soaring Wealth LLC has implemented the following material changes.

- Soaring Wealth LLC has implemented the use of outside managers. Please see Item 4 for details.
- Soaring Wealth LLC has updated the fees for Financial Planning on an hourly basis. Please see Item 5 for details.
- Soaring Wealth LLC has updated the fees for the Comprehensive Financial Plan. Please see Item 5 for details.
- Soaring Wealth LLC has updated the fees for the Investment Advisory Services. Please see Item 5 for details.
- Soaring Wealth LLC has updated the primary contact number. Please see Item 1 for details.

From time to time, we may amend this Disclosure Brochure to reflect changes in our business practices, changes in regulations, and routine annual updates as required by the securities regulators. Either this complete Disclosure Brochure or a Summary of Material Changes shall be provided to each Client annually and if a material change occurs in the business practices of Soaring Wealth LLC.

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Item 4: Advisory Business

Description of Advisory Firm

Soaring Wealth LLC is registered as an Investment Adviser with the State of Vermont. We were founded in November 2018. Malissa Marshall is the principal owner of SW.

As of December 31st, 2023, SW currently reports \$5,552,014 discretionary Assets Under Management.

Types of Advisory Services

Investment Advisory Services

We are in the business of managing individually tailored investment portfolios. Our firm provides continuous advice to a client regarding the investment of client funds based on the individual needs of the client. Through personal discussions in which goals and objectives based on a client's particular circumstances are established, we develop a client's personal investment policy or an investment plan with an asset allocation target and create and manage a portfolio based on that policy and allocation targets. We may also review and discuss a client's prior investment history, as well as family composition and background.

Account supervision is guided by the stated objectives of the client (e.g., maximum capital appreciation, growth, income, or growth and income), as well as tax considerations. Clients may impose reasonable restrictions on investing in certain securities, types of securities, or industry sectors. Fees pertaining to this service are outlined in Item 5 of this brochure.

Third-Party Managers and Sub-Advisors

When suitable for the client, we recommend the use of Third-Party Managers, Outside Managers, or Sub-Advisors (TAMPs) for portfolio management services. We assist Clients in selecting an appropriate allocation model, completing the Outside Manager's investor profile questionnaire, interacting with the Outside Manager, and reviewing the Outside Manager. Our review process and analysis of outside managers is conducted no less than annually.

Ongoing Financial Planning (with Open-Ended Duration)

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

Upon desiring a financial plan, a client will be taken through establishing their goals and values around money. They will be required to provide information to help complete the following areas of analysis: net worth, cash flow, investments, retirement planning, taxes, estate planning, insurance, employee benefits, and college planning. Once the client's information is reviewed, their plan will be built and analyzed, and then the findings, analysis and potential changes to their current situation will be reviewed with the client. Clients subscribing to this service will receive a written or electronic report, providing a detailed financial plan designed to achieve their stated financial goals and objectives. If a follow-up meeting is required, we will meet at the client's convenience. The plan and the client's financial situation and goals will be monitored throughout the year and follow-up phone calls and emails will be made to the client to confirm that any agreed upon action steps have been carried out. On an annual basis, there will be a full review of this plan to ensure its accuracy and ongoing appropriateness. Any needed updates will be implemented at that time.

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

- **Financial Goals**: We will help clients identify financial goals and develop a plan to reach them. We will identify what you plan to accomplish, what resources you will need to make it happen, how much time you will need to reach the goal, and how much you should budget for your goal.
- Cash Flow and Debt Management: We will conduct a review of your income and expenses to determine your current surplus or deficit along with advice on prioritizing how any surplus should be used or how to reduce expenses if they exceed your income. Advice may also be provided on which debts to pay off first based on factors such as the interest rate of the debt and any income tax ramifications. We may also recommend what we believe to be an appropriate cash reserve that should be considered for emergencies and other financial goals, along with a review of accounts (such as money market funds) for such reserves, plus strategies to save desired amounts.
- Investment Analysis: This may involve developing an asset allocation strategy to meet clients' financial goals and risk tolerance, providing information on investment vehicles and strategies, reviewing employee stock options, as well as assisting you in establishing your own investment account at a selected broker/dealer or custodian. The strategies and types of investments we may recommend are further discussed in Item 8 of this brochure.
- Retirement Planning: Our retirement planning services typically include projections of your likelihood of achieving your financial goals, typically focusing on financial independence as the primary objective. For situations where projections show less than the desired results, we may make recommendations, including those that may impact the original projections by adjusting certain variables (e.g. working longer, saving more, spending less, and/or taking more risk with investments).
 - If you are near retirement or already retired, advice may be given on appropriate distribution strategies to minimize the likelihood of running out of money or having to adversely alter spending during your retirement years.
- Tax Planning Strategies: Advice may include ways to minimize current and future income taxes as a part of your overall financial planning picture. For example, we may make recommendations on which type of account(s) or specific investments should be owned based in part on their "tax efficiency," with consideration that there is always a possibility of future changes to federal, state or local tax laws and rates that may impact your situation.
 - We recommend that you consult with a qualified tax professional before initiating any tax planning strategy, and we may provide you with contact information for accountants or attorneys who specialize in this area if you wish to hire someone for such purposes. We will participate in meetings or phone calls between you and your tax professional with your approval. Malissa Marshall is currently employed as Founder & CEO of Steuern & Taxes LLC, and clients of SW may choose to utilize Steuern & Taxes LLC for tax preparation services, but they are not required to do so.
- Estate Planning: This usually includes an analysis of your exposure to estate taxes and your current

estate plan, which may include whether you have a will, powers of attorney, trusts, and other related documents. Our advice also typically includes ways for you to minimize or avoid future estate taxes by implementing appropriate estate planning strategies such as the use of applicable trusts. We always recommend that you consult with a qualified attorney when you initiate, update, or complete estate planning activities. We may provide you with contact information for attorneys who specialize in estate planning when you wish to hire an attorney for such purposes. From time to time, we will participate in meetings or phone calls between you and your attorney with your approval or request.

• Risk Management: A risk management review includes an analysis of your exposure to major risks that could have a significant adverse impact on your financial picture, such as premature death, disability, property and casualty losses, or the need for long-term care planning. Advice may be provided on ways to minimize such risks and about weighing the costs of purchasing insurance versus the benefits of doing so and, likewise, the potential cost of not purchasing insurance ("self-insuring").

Comprehensive Financial Plan

We provide financial planning services on topics such as financial goals, cash flow and debt management, investment analysis, retirement planning, tax planning strategies, estate planning and risk management.

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

Without a subsequent engagement, clients themselves will be responsible for implementing our recommendations and monitoring the outcomes, as the plans will not be reviewed or updated by the advisor.

Tax Preparation Service

In some cases, we may utilize the services of Steuern & Taxes LLC, a third-party accounting and tax planning firm, to facilitate the preparation and filing of your tax return and we will work with you and Steuern & Taxes LLC to gather the necessary information as part of this service.

Educational Seminars and Speaking Engagements

We may provide seminars on an "as announced" basis for groups seeking general advice on investments and other areas of personal finance. The content of these seminars will vary depending upon the needs of the attendees. These seminars are purely educational in nature and do not involve the sale of any investment products. Information presented will not be based on any individual person's need, nor does SW provide individualized investment advice to attendees during these seminars.

Tailored Advice and Client Imposed Restrictions

Adviser tailors investment management and financial planning services to the individual needs of clients, by collecting client profile and suitability data at the commencement of the engagement, to assess the client's risk tolerance and investment objectives. For Financial Planning clients, Adviser collects relevant data to the client's financial planning. Needs to provide specifically tailored advice. Clients may impose restrictions on investing in certain securities or types of securities.

Wrap Fee Programs

Adviser does not participate in or provide portfolio management services to a Wrap Program.

Item 5: Fees and Compensation

Please note that unless a Client has received the firm's Disclosure Brochure at least 48 hours prior to signing the investment advisory contract, the investment advisory contract may be terminated by the Client within five (5) business days of signing the contract without incurring any advisory fees.

Investment Advisory Services

Our fee is based on a percentage of assets under management and is negotiable. The annualized fees are calculated as a blended fee based on the following schedule:

Account Value	Annual Advisory Fee
First \$1,000,000	1.20%
\$1,000,001 - \$2,000,000	0.80%
Any additional assets over \$2,000,000	0.60%

Clients who participate in SW's Ongoing Financial Planning service will be eligible for discounted Investment Advisory Fees at a rate of 0.60% on the market value of all assets under management.

The advisory fees for both the standard fees and discounted fees are blended fees. A blended schedule looks at the account value and compares it to a set fee schedule. Based upon the value of the account at the beginning of the billing period, the fee schedule identifies specific portions of the account value to be charged at different fee rates. The total value of the account is compared against this schedule and, based on the account size, the different fee rates are blended to determine the total account fee for that period.

Fee Calculation Examples:

For the standard fee example, a client who was <u>not</u> participating in SW's Ongoing Financial Planning service with an account valued at \$2,000,000 would pay an effective fee of 1.00% with the annual fee of \$20,000. The quarterly fee is determined by the following calculation: $((\$1,000,000 \times 1.20\%) + (\$1,000,000 \times 0.80\%)) \div 4 = \$5,000$.

For the discounted fee example, a client who <u>is</u> participating in SW's Ongoing Financial Planning service with an account valued at \$2,000,000 would pay an effective fee of 0.60% with the annual fee of \$12,000. The quarterly fee is determined by the following calculation: (\$2,000,000 x 0.60%) ÷ 4 = \$3,000. No increase in the annual fee shall be effective without agreement from the client by signing a new agreement or amendment to their current advisory agreement.

The annual advisory fee is paid quarterly in advance. Our advisory fee is prorated for any partial billing periods occurring during the engagement, including the initial and terminating billing periods.

Advisory fees are directly debited from client accounts, or the client may choose to pay by check. An account may be terminated with written notice at least 30 calendar days in advance. Upon termination of the account, any unearned fee will be refunded to the client. SW will refund any unearned portion within 20 business days.

Ongoing Financial Planning (with Open-Ended Duration)

Ongoing Financial Planning consists of an ongoing fee that is paid monthly or quarterly, in advance, at the rate of \$400 - \$4,000 per month, depending on complexity and the needs of the client. The fee may be negotiable in certain cases. Fees for this service may be paid by electronic funds transfer or check. This service may be terminated with 30 days' notice. Upon termination of any account, the fee will be prorated and any unearned fee will be refunded to the client. SW will refund any unearned portion within 20 business days.

Fees for this service will be automatically increased by 3% each year on the anniversary date of the commencement of the engagement.

Comprehensive Financial Plan

Financial Planning will also be offered on a fixed fee basis for clients who do not require ongoing financial planning. The fixed fee will be agreed upon before the start of any work. The fixed fee can range between \$3,600 - \$16,000, depending on complexity and the needs of the client for the Comprehensive Plan. The fee is negotiable.

If a fixed fee program is chosen, half of the fee is due at the beginning of the process, and the remainder is due at completion of work, however, SW will not bill an amount above \$500 more than 6 months in advance. Fees for this service may be paid by electronic funds transfer or check. Upon termination, half of the fee that is due up front will be non-refundable, and no further fees will be charged.

Financial Planning on an Hourly Basis

On a limited basis, Financial Planning is also offered at a rate of \$300-500 per hour. Hourly services require an upfront deposit of \$300-500 (1 hour). Fees are due on a monthly basis in arrears, or at conclusion of the engagement, whichever is earlier. The fee may be negotiable.

Hourly financial planning contracts will automatically terminate after one year. In the event of early termination by the client, any fees for the hours already worked will be due. Fees for this service may be paid by electronic funds transfer or check.

Educational Seminars / Speaking Engagements

Seminars and speaking engagements are offered to organizations and the public on a variety of financial topics. Fees range from free to \$2,000 per seminar or free to \$200 per participant. Half of the fees are due prior to the engagement, and the other half are to be paid the day of, no later than the conclusion of the seminar. The fee range is based on the content, amount of research conducted, number of hours of preparation needed, and the number of attendees. In the event of inclement weather or a flight cancellation, the Speaker shall make all reasonable attempts to make alternative travel arrangements to arrive in time for the presentation. If travel proves impossible, or the event is otherwise canceled, the Speaker's fee is waived, but the Client will still be responsible for reimbursement of any non-refundable travel expenses already incurred.

In the event that the Client decides to cancel or change the date of the event for any reason besides weather or similar unforeseen causes, the Client will still be responsible for reimbursement of any non-refundable travel expenses already incurred, and will provide payment for 50% of the Speaker's fee if the cancellation occurs within 30 days of the event. In the event that the Speaker must cancel due to health or similar unforeseen circumstances, the Speaker will make all attempts to find a reasonable alternate engagement date and will absorb any incremental additional costs for obtaining alternative travel arrangements. If an alternate date cannot be obtained, the Client will not be responsible for any travel costs already incurred by the Speaker or any portion

of the Speaker's fee.

Educational Seminars and Speaking Engagements may be provided pro-bono at SW's discretion.

Other Types of Fees and Expenses

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

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

We do not accept compensation for the sale of securities or other investment products including asset-based sales charges or service fees from the sale of mutual funds.

Item 6: Performance-Based Fees and Side-By-Side Management

We do not offer performance-based fees or engage in side-by-side management.

Item 7: Types of Clients

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

We do not have a minimum account size requirement.

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

Investing in securities involves risk of loss that clients should be prepared to bear. The methods of analysis and investment strategies Adviser uses in formulating investment advice or managing assets are as follows:

Modern Portfolio Theory (MPT) is a practical method for selecting investments to maximize their overall returns within an acceptable level of risk. A key component of the MPT theory is diversification. Most investments are either high risk and high return or low risk and low return. The underlying principles of MPT include the theory that the only acceptable risk is that which is adequately compensated by an expected return. Risk and investment return are related and an increase in risk requires an increased expected return.

Additionally, MPT suggests that markets are efficient. The same market information is available to all investors at the same time, so the market prices every security fairly based upon this equal availability of information. The design of the portfolio is more important than the selection of any particular security. The appropriate allocation of capital among asset classes will have far more influence on long-term portfolio performance than the selection

of individual securities. Increasing diversification of the portfolio with lower correlated asset class positions can decrease portfolio risk. Correlation is the statistical term for the extent to which two asset classes move in tandem or opposition to one another.

Passive Investment Management involves building portfolios that are composed of various distinct asset classes. The asset classes are weighted in a manner to achieve the desired relationship between correlation, risk, and return. Funds that passively capture the returns of the desired asset classes are placed in the portfolio. The funds that are used to build passive portfolios are typically index mutual funds or exchange-traded funds. Passive investment management is characterized by low portfolio expenses (i.e. the funds inside the portfolio have low internal costs), minimal trading costs (due to infrequent trading activity), and relative tax efficiency (because the funds inside the portfolio are tax efficient and turnover inside the portfolio is minimal).

Use of Sub-Advisers: We may refer Clients to third-party investment advisers ("outside managers"). Our analysis of outside managers involves the examination of the experience, expertise, investment philosophies, and past performance of the outside managers in an attempt to determine if that manager has demonstrated an ability to invest over a period of time and in different economic conditions. We monitor the manager's underlying holdings, strategies, concentrations, and leverage as part of our overall periodic risk assessment. Additionally, as part of our due diligence process, we survey the manager's compliance and business enterprise risks. A risk of investing with an outside manager who has been successful in the past is that he or she may not be able to replicate that success in the future. In addition, as we do not control the underlying investments in an outside manager's portfolio. There is also a risk that a manager may deviate from the stated investment mandate or strategy of the portfolio, making it a less suitable investment for our Clients. Moreover, as we do not control the manager's daily business and compliance operations, we may be unaware of the lack of internal controls necessary to prevent business, regulatory or reputational deficiencies.

Common Stock is a security that represents ownership in a corporation. Holders of common stock elect the <u>board of directors</u> and vote on corporate policies. This form of equity ownership typically yields higher rates of return long term. However, in the event of <u>liquidation</u>, common shareholders have rights to a company's assets only after bondholders, preferred shareholders, and other debtholders are paid in full. The value of common stock may go up and down in price quite dramatically, and in the event of an issuer's bankruptcy or restructuring could lose all value. A slower-growth or recessionary economic environment could have an adverse effect on the price of all stocks.

Corporate Bond is a type of debt security that is issued by a firm and sold to investors. The company gets the capital it needs and in return the investor is paid a pre-established number of interest payments at either a fixed or variable interest rate. When the bond expires, or "reaches maturity," the payments cease and the original investment is returned. In general, market prices of debt securities decline when interest rates rise and increase when interest rates fall. The longer the time to a bond's maturity, the greater its interest rate risk.

Municipal Bond is a <u>debt security</u> issued by a state, municipality, or county to finance its <u>capital expenditures</u>, including the construction of highways, bridges, or schools. They can be thought of as loans that investors make to local governments. Municipal <u>bonds</u> are often exempt from federal taxes and most state and local taxes (for residents), making them especially attractive to people in higher income <u>tax brackets</u>. Due to a municipal bond's tax-favored status, investors should compare the relative after-tax return to the after-tax return of other bonds, depending on the investor's tax bracket. Investing in municipal bonds carries the same general risks as investing

in bonds in general.

Mutual Funds are financial vehicles that pools assets from shareholders to invest in securities like stocks, bonds, money market instruments, and other assets. Mutual funds are operated by professional money managers, who allocate the fund's assets and attempt to produce capital gains or income for the fund's investors. When a Client invests in open-end mutual funds or ETFs, the Client indirectly bears its proportionate share of any fees and expenses payable directly by those funds. Therefore, the Client will incur higher expenses, many of which may be duplicative. In addition, the Client's overall portfolio may be affected by losses of an underlying fund and the level of risk arising from the investment practices of an underlying fund (such as the use of derivatives).

Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) are pooled investment securities that operate much like mutual funds. Typically, ETFs will track a particular index, sector, commodity, or other assets, but unlike <u>mutual funds</u>, ETFs can be purchased or sold on a stock exchange the same way that a regular stock can. An ETF can be structured to track anything from the price of an individual commodity to a large and diverse collection of securities. Prices may vary significantly from the Net Asset Value due to market conditions. Certain Exchange Traded Funds may not track underlying benchmarks as expected. The Adviser has no control over the risks taken by the underlying funds in which the Clients invest.

Variable Annuities are a retirement product for those who may have the ability to pay a premium now and want to guarantee they receive certain monthly payments or a return on investment later in the future. Annuities are contracts issued by a life insurance company designed to meet requirements or other long-term goals. An annuity is not a life insurance policy. Variable annuities are designed to be long-term investments, to meet retirement and other long-range goals. Variable annuities are not suitable for meeting short-term goals because substantial taxes and insurance company charges may apply if you withdraw your money early. Variable annuities also involve investment risks, just as mutual funds do.

Item 9: Disciplinary Information

Criminal or Civil Actions

SW and its management have not been involved in any criminal or civil action.

Administrative Enforcement Proceedings

SW and its management have not been involved in administrative enforcement proceedings.

Self-Regulatory Organization Enforcement Proceedings

SW and its management have not been involved in legal or disciplinary events that are material to a client's or prospective client's evaluation of SW or the integrity of its management.

Item 10: Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

No SW employee is registered, or has an application pending to register, as a broker-dealer or a registered representative of a broker-dealer.

No SW employee is registered, or has an application pending to register, as a futures commission merchant,

commodity pool operator, or a commodity trading advisor.

SW does not have any related parties. As a result, we do not have a relationship with any related parties.

SW only receives compensation directly from clients. We do not receive compensation from any outside source. We do not have any conflicts of interest with any outside party.

Malissa Marshall is currently employed as Founder & CEO of Steuern & Taxes LLC. This activity accounts for approximately 40% of her time.

Recommendations or Selections of Other Investment Advisers

As referenced in Item 4 of this brochure, SW recommends Clients to Outside Managers to manage their accounts. You are not obligated, contractually or otherwise, to use the services of any Outside Manager we recommend. Additionally, SW will only recommend an Outside Manager who is properly licensed or registered as an investment adviser.

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

As a fiduciary, our firm and its associates have a duty of utmost good faith to act solely in the best interests of each client. Our clients entrust us with their funds and personal information, which in turn places a high standard on our conduct and integrity. Our fiduciary duty is a core aspect of our Code of Ethics and represents the expected basis of all of our dealings. The firm also adheres to the Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility adopted by the CFP® Board of Standards Inc., and accepts the obligation not only to comply with the mandates and requirements of all applicable laws and regulations but also to take responsibility to act in an ethical and professionally responsible manner in all professional services and activities.

Code of Ethics Description

This code does not attempt to identify all possible conflicts of interest, and literal compliance with each of its specific provisions will not shield associated persons from liability for personal trading or other conduct that violates a fiduciary duty to advisory clients. A summary of the Code of Ethics' Principles is outlined below.

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

We periodically review and amend our Code of Ethics to ensure that it remains current, and we require all firm access persons to attest to their understanding of and adherence to the Code of Ethics at least annually. Our firm

will provide a copy of its Code of Ethics to any client or prospective client upon request.

Investment Recommendations Involving a Material Financial Interest and Conflicts of Interest

We do not recommend that clients buy or sell any security in which a related person to Adviser or Adviser has a material financial interest.

Advisory Firm Purchase of Same Securities Recommended to Clients and Conflicts of Interest

Adviser or related person may invest in the same securities, or related securities (e.g. warrants, options, or futures) that we or a related person recommend to clients. Conflicts of interest may arise when the Adviser, in its fiduciary capacity, has influence over the timing and price of orders executed. This conflict of interest is mitigated by ensuring that Access Persons of the Adviser do not intentionally "trade ahead" of clients, a process known as "frontrunning", by which the Adviser places orders for its own account prior to placing orders for clients, receiving more favorable market conditions.

Trading Securities At/Around the Same Time as Client's Securities

Adviser or related person may recommend securities to clients, or buy or sell securities for client accounts, at or about the same time that we or a related person buys or sells the same securities for our own accounts. Conflicts of interest may arise when the Adviser, in its fiduciary capacity, has influence over the timing and price of orders executed. This conflict of interest is mitigated by ensuring that Access Persons (and related persons) of the Adviser adhered to the firm's Code of Ethics in trading practices.

Item 12: Brokerage Practices

Factors Used to Select Custodians and/or Broker-Dealers

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

1. Research and Other Soft-Dollar Benefits

We currently receive soft dollar benefits by nature of our relationship with Charles Schwab &Co. ("Charles Schwab"), member FINRA/SIPC and Interactive Brokers, member FINRA/SIPC/NYSE. Please see Item 12 and Item 14 below for details on the benefits received.

2. Brokerage for Client Referrals

We receive no referrals from a broker-dealer or third party in exchange for using that broker-dealer or third party.

3. Clients Directing Which Broker/Dealer/Custodian to Use

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

The Custodian and Brokers We Use (Charles Schwab)

Soaring Wealth, LLC ("we"/"our") 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 recommend that our clients use Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. (Schwab), a registered broker- dealer, member SIPC, as the qualified custodian.

We are independently owned and operated and are not affiliated with Schwab. Schwab will hold your assets in a brokerage account and buy and sell securities when we instruct them to. While we recommend that you use Schwab as 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. Conflicts of interest associated with this arrangement are described below as well as in Item 14 (Client referrals and other compensation). You should consider these conflicts of interest when selecting your custodian.

We do not open the account for you, although we may assist you in doing so. Even though your account is maintained at Schwab, we can still use other brokers to execute trades for your account as described below (see "Your brokerage and custody costs").

Your brokerage and trading costs

For our clients' accounts that Schwab maintains, Schwab generally does not charge you separately for custody services but is compensated by charging you commissions or other fees on trades that it executes or that settle into your Schwab account. Certain trades (for example, many mutual funds, and U.S. exchange-listed equities and ETFs) may not incur Schwab commissions or transaction fees.

We are not required to select the broker or dealer that charges the lowest transaction cost, even if that broker provides execution quality comparable to other brokers or dealers. Although we are not required to execute all trade through Schwab, we have determined that having Schwab execute most trades is consistent with our duty to seek "best execution" of your trades. Best execution means the most favorable terms for a transaction based on all relevant factors, including those listed above (see "How we select brokers/ custodians"). By using another broker or dealer you may pay lower transaction costs.

Products and services available to us from Schwab

Schwab Advisor ServicesTM is Schwab's business serving independent investment advisory firms like ours. They provide us and our clients with access to their institutional brokerage services (trading, custody, reporting, and related services), many of which are not typically available to Schwab retail customers. However, certain retail investors may be able to get institutional brokerage services from Schwab without going through our firm. 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 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 do not directly benefit you. Schwab also makes available to us other products and services that benefit us but do not directly benefit you or your account. These products and services assist us in managing and administering our clients' accounts and operating our firm. They include investment research, both Schwab's own and that of third parties. We 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, record keeping, 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 and business needs
- Publications and conferences on practice management and business succession
- Access to employee benefits providers, human capital consultants, and insurance providers
- Marketing consulting and support

Schwab provides some of these services itself. In other cases, it will arrange for third-party vendors to provide the services to us. Schwab also discounts or waives its fees for some of these services or pays all or a part of a third party's fees. Schwab also provides us with other benefits, such as occasional business entertainment of our personnel. If you did not maintain your account with Schwab, we would be required to pay for these services from our own resources.

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. The fact that we receive these benefits from Schwab is an incentive for us to recommend the use of Schwab rather than making such decision based exclusively on your interest in receiving the best value in custody services and the most favorable execution of your transactions. This is a conflict of interest. We believe, however, that taken in the aggregate, our [selection/recommendation] 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.

The Custodian and Brokers We Use (Interactive Brokers)

From time-to-time, securities transactions are executed through Interactive Brokers, member FINRA/SIPC/NYSE. Interactive Brokers maintains custody of our clients' assets and effects securities transactions for our investment management clients' accounts.

The commissions charged by Interactive Brokers are competitive with similarly situated retail broker-dealers offering the same variety of securities to clients.

Aggregating (Block) Trading for Multiple Client Accounts

Investment advisers may elect to purchase or sell the same securities for several clients at approximately the same time when they believe such action may prove advantageous to clients. This process is referred to as aggregating orders, batch trading or block trading. We do not engage in block trading. It should be noted that implementing trades on a block or aggregate basis may be less expensive for client accounts; however, it is our trading policy to implement all client orders on an individual basis. Therefore, we do not aggregate or "block"

client transactions. Considering the types of investments we hold in advisory client accounts, we do not believe clients are hindered in any way because we trade accounts individually. This is because we develop individualized investment strategies for clients and holdings will vary. Our strategies are primarily developed for the long-term and minor differences in price execution are not material to our overall investment strategy.

Item 13: Review of Accounts

Client accounts and financial plans are reviewed periodically, on no less than an annual basis, by Malissa Marshall.

Additional reviews of client accounts and financial plans may be triggered by volatile market conditions, changes to client profile information and investment objectives, and any communication by the client of imposed investment restrictions.

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

Item 14: Client Referrals and Other Compensation

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

<u>Charles Schwab:</u> We receive an economic benefit from Schwab in the form of the support products and services it makes available to us and other independent investment advisors whose clients maintain their accounts at Schwab. We benefit from the products and services provided because the cost of these services would otherwise be borne directly by us, and this creates a conflict. You should consider these conflicts of interest when selecting a custodian. These products and services, how they benefit us, and the related conflicts of interest are described above (see Item 12—Brokerage Practices).

<u>Interactive Brokers</u>: Interactive Brokers offers products or services other than execution that assist our firm in managing and administering client accounts. These may include software and other technology that provides access to client account data (such as trade confirmations and account statements), facilitate trade execution (and allocation of aggregated trade orders for multiple client accounts), facilitate payment of our fees from clients' accounts, and assist with back-office functions, record keeping and client reporting. These services may be used to service all or a substantial number of client accounts, including accounts not maintained at Interactive Brokers.

The Adviser may also receive services from Interactive Brokers that are intended to help our firm manage and further develop our business. These services may include website design and technology support. Interactive Brokers also has arrangements with various product vendors, which enable our firm to purchase their products at a discount. These products may include such items as: client reporting and consolidated statement software; client communication software; client relationship management software; compliance assistance; and investment research.

While the benefits we receive from Interactive Brokers does not depend on the amount of brokerage transactions directed to Interactive Brokers, as a fiduciary we are required to disclose that there is an inherent conflict of interest when our firm recommends that clients maintain their assets at Interactive Brokers. These recommendations may be based in part on the benefits we receive from Interactive Brokers, such as the

availability of the above-mentioned products and services, and not solely on our clients' interest in receiving the most favorable execution.

Item 15: Custody

SW does not accept custody of client funds except in the instance of withdrawing Client fees.

For Client accounts in which SW directly debits our advisory fee:

- a) Each investment management Client establishes a custodial relationship with an independent bank or brokerage firm and opens an investment account in the client's name that is managed by the Adviser.
- b) Adviser will send a copy of the invoice to the custodian.
- c) The custodian will send at least quarterly statements to the Client showing all disbursements for the account, including the amount of the advisory fee.
- d) The Client will provide written authorization to Adviser, permitting them to be paid directly for their accounts held by the custodian.

Clients should receive at least quarterly statements from the broker-dealer, bank or other qualified custodian that holds and maintains the Client's investment assets. Clients should carefully review such statements and compare such official custodial records to their account statements or reports that we may provide.

Item 16: Investment Discretion

For those client accounts where we provide Investment Advisory Services, we maintain discretion over Client accounts with respect to securities to be bought and sold and the amount of securities to be bought and sold. Investment discretion is explained to Clients in detail when an advisory relationship has commenced. At the start of the advisory relationship, the Client will execute a Limited Power of Attorney, which will grant our firm discretion over the account. Additionally, the discretionary relationship will be outlined in the advisory contract and signed by the Client.

Item 17: Voting Client Securities

We do not vote client proxies. Clients will receive their proxies and other solicitations directly from their custodian. Clients can contact us at the phone number/email address on the cover page of this brochure with questions about a particular solicitation.

Item 18: Financial Information

Registered Investment Advisers are required in this Item to provide you with certain financial information or disclosures about our financial condition. We have no financial commitment that impairs our ability to meet contractual and fiduciary commitments to clients, nor have we been the subject of a bankruptcy proceeding at any time.

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

Item 19: Requirements for State-Registered Advisers

Malissa Marshall, CFP®

Born: 1974

Educational Background

- M.S. Taxation, Northeastern University, 2022
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Professional Designations, Licensing & Exams

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Other Business Activities

Malissa Marshall currently works as Founder & CEO of Steuern & Taxes LLC. This activity accounts for approximately 40% of her time.

Performance-Based Fees

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

Material Disciplinary Disclosures

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

Material Relationships That Management Persons Have with Issuers of Securities

Neither Soaring Wealth LLC nor Malissa Marshall has any relationship or arrangement with issuers of securities.

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Supervision

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Soaring Wealth LLC

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Form ADV Part 2B - Brochure Supplement

Dated March 5, 2024

For

Malissa Marshall, CFP® - Individual CRD# 6855567

Founder and Chief Compliance Officer

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Additional information about Malissa Marshall is available on the SEC's website at <u>www.adviserinfo.sec.gov</u> which can be found using the identification number 6855567.

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