## Prepared Retirement Institute LLC September 1, 2021 FORM CRS

Prepared Retirement Institute LLC is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an investment adviser and, as such, we provide advisory services rather than brokerage services. Brokerage and investment advisory services and fees differ and it is important for you, our client, to understand the differences. Additionally, free and simple tools are available to research firms and financial professionals at <a href="Investor.gov/CRS">Investor.gov/CRS</a>, which also provides educational materials about broker-dealers, investment advisers, and investing. This document is a summary of the services and fees we offer to "retail" investors, which are natural persons who seek or receive services primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

**Conversation Starters:** It is important for you to understand your account, its terms and limitations, and the relationship you have with Prepared Retirement Institute LLC. Each section in this document offers a series of "Key Questions to Ask Your Financial Professional" that offers prompts you may want to ask to further discuss our relationship, our processes and the fees charged for our services.

### What investment services and advice can you provide me?

We offer the following investment advisory services to retail investors: **Financial Planning Services and Portfolio Management Services.** Detailed information regarding our services, fees and other disclosures can be found in our Form ADV Part 2A Items 4, 7, and 8 by clicking this link https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/brochure/309663.

- <u>Account Monitoring</u>: Monitoring investments is not one of the principal investment advisory services that our firm offers
- <u>Investment Authority:</u> We manage investment accounts on a <u>discretionary</u> basis whereby <u>we will</u>
   decide which investments to buy or sell for your account. You may limit our discretionary authority (for example, limiting the types of securities that can be purchased or sold for your account) by providing our firm with your restrictions and guidelines in writing.
- <u>Investment Offerings:</u> We offer advice on equity securities, certificates of deposit, municipal securities, variable life insurance, variable annuities, mutual fund shares, United States government securities, money market funds and ETFs.
- <u>Account Minimums and Requirements:</u> In general, we require a minimum account size to open and maintain an advisory account, which may be waived at our discretion.

#### Key Questions to Ask Your Financial Professional

- Given my financial situation, should I choose an investment advisory service? Why or Why Not?
- How will you choose investments to recommend to me?
- What is your relevant experience, including your licenses, education and other qualifications?
- · What do these qualifications mean?

### What fees will I pay?

The following summarizes the principal fees and costs associated with engaging our firm for investment advisory services. For detailed information, refer to our Form ADV Part 2A, Items 5 and 6 by clicking this link <a href="https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/brochure/309663">https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/brochure/309663</a>.

- · Portfolio Management Services
  - Asset Based Fees Payable quarterly in advance. Since the fees we receive are asset-based (i.e. based
    on the value of your account), we have an incentive to increase your account value which creates a
    conflict especially for those accounts holding illiquid or hard-to-value assets.
- Financial Planning Services
  - Hourly Fees Payable In advance.

In addition to our principal fees and costs, there are other common fees and costs that may be applicable to our clients that include:

- Custodian fees:
- · Account maintenance fees:

- Fees related to mutual funds and exchange-traded funds;
- · Transaction charges when purchasing or selling securities; and
- Other product-level fees associated with your investments

You will pay fees and costs whether you make or lose money on your investments. Fees and costs will reduce any amount of money you make on your investments over time. Please make sure you understand what fees and costs you are paying.

#### Kev Questions to Ask Your Financial Professional

 Help me understand how these fees and costs might affect my investments. If I give you \$10,000 to invest, how much will go to fees and costs, and how much will be invested for me?

What are your legal obligations to me when acting as my investment adviser? How else does your firm make money and what conflicts of interest do you have?

**When we act as your investment adviser**, we have to act in your best interest and not put our interest ahead of yours. At the same time, the way we make money creates some conflicts with your interests. You should understand and ask us about these conflicts because they can affect the investment advice we provide you. Here are some examples to help you understand what this means.

- Third-Party Payments: Certain financial professionals providing advice on behalf of our firm are registered
  representatives with a broker-dealer. These representatives receive compensation in connection with the
  purchase and sale of securities or other investment products. This compensation earned by these persons is
  separate and in addition to our advisory fees. This practice presents a conflict of interest because they have an
  incentive to recommend investment products based on the compensation received rather than solely based on
  your needs.
- Other Third-Party Payments: Certain financial professionals providing investment advice on behalf of our firm are
  licensed as independent insurance agents. These persons will earn commission-based compensation for selling
  insurance products. Insurance commissions are separate and in addition to our advisory fees. This practice
  presents a conflict of interest because they have an incentive to recommend insurance products to you for the
  purpose of generating commissions.

Refer to our Form ADV Part 2A by clicking this link - <a href="https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/brochure/309663">https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/brochure/309663</a> to help you understand what conflicts exist.

### Key Questions to Ask Your Financial Professional

· How might your conflicts of interest affect me, and how will you address them?

### How do your financial professionals make money?

The financial professionals providing advisory services to you are compensated in the form of receiving a percentage of revenue after expenses. Their compensation is based on the amount of client assets they service.

# Do you or your financial professionals have legal or disciplinary history?

Yes, our firm or our financial professionals currently have legal or disciplinary history to disclose. These events are disclosed in either our Form ADV or the specific individual's Form U4. These documents can be found by going to <a href="Investor.gov/CRS">Investor.gov/CRS</a>.

## Key Questions to Ask Your Financial Professional

As a financial professional, do you have any disciplinary history? For what type of conduct?

You can find additional information about your investment advisory services and request a copy of the relationship summary at 267-218-0124 or click the link provided <a href="https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/brochure/309663">https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/brochure/309663</a>.

## Key Questions to Ask Your Financial Professional

- · Who is my primary contact person?
- Is he or she a representative of an investment adviser or a broker-dealer?
- Who can I talk to if I have concerns about how this person is treating me?