



Part 2B Brochure Supplement

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This Brochure Supplement provides information about Michael Guarino that supplements the Private Advisor Group, LLC Brochure. You should have received a copy of that Brochure. Please contact James Hooks, Chief Compliance Officer, if you did not receive Private Advisor Group, LLC's Brochure or if you have any questions about the contents of this supplement. Additional information about Michael Guarino is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.



Item 2 Education Background and Business Experience

Michael Guarino was born in 1968.

Education

William Paterson University
Bachelor of Arts, 1996, Technology and Communications

Business Experience

Owner, Financial Advisor, Guarino Wealth Management
2008 - 2022

Partner, Financial Advisor, Main Street Wealth Management
2022 to present

Investment advisor representative, Private Advisor Group
2022 to present

Registered representative, LPL Financial
2008 to present

Designations

CDFA®

Mr. Guarino has held the designation of Certified Divorce Financial Analyst® (CDFA™) since 2016. CDFA™ professionals must develop their theoretical and practical understanding and knowledge of the financial aspects of divorce by completing a comprehensive course of study approved by the Institute for Divorce Financial Analysts consisting of 4 self-study modules each followed by an examination at an approved testing center. CDFA™ professionals must have three years minimum experience in a financial or legal capacity prior to earning the right to use the CDFA™ certification mark, and must complete 15 hours of continuing education every 2 years to maintain the designation.

AIF®

Mr. Guarino has held the designation of Accredited Investment Fiduciary® (AIF®) since 2019. The AIF® designation certifies that the recipient has specialized knowledge of fiduciary standards of care and their application to the investment management process. To receive the AIF® designation, individuals must complete a training program, successfully pass a comprehensive, closed-book final examination under the supervision of a proctor and agree to abide by the AIF Code of Ethics. In order to maintain the AIF designation, the individual must annually renew their affirmation of the AIF Code of Ethics and complete six hours of continuing education credits. The certification is administered by the Center for Fiduciary Studies, LLC (a Fiduciary360 (fi360) company).

Item 3 Disciplinary Information

None

Item 4 Other Business Activities

- A. **Registered Representative of LPL Financial.** Mr. Guarino is a registered representative of LPL Financial, an SEC registered and FINRA member broker-dealer which acts as a qualified custodian. Clients may choose to engage



Mr. Guarino in his individual capacity as a registered representative of LPL Financial to implement investment recommendations on a commission basis. Clients may also choose to custody investment assets with LPL Financial.

1. **Conflict of Interest.** When Mr. Guarino recommends that a client purchase investment products on a commission basis or custody assets with a particular custodian, that recommendation presents a **conflict of interest**, as Mr. Guarino may receive a financial benefit from LPL Financial, and therefore have an incentive to recommend investment products based on commissions or other compensation to be received, rather than on a particular client's need. No client is under any obligation to purchase any commission products from Mr. Guarino. Clients are reminded that they may purchase investment products recommended by Registrant through other, non-affiliated broker dealers, and may choose to custody investment assets through non-affiliated custodians. **The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, James Hooks, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above conflict of interest.**
 2. **Commissions.** In the event the client chooses to purchase investment products through a brokerage account with LPL Financial, brokerage commissions will be charged by LPL Financial to effect securities transactions, a portion of which commissions shall be paid by LPL Financial to Mr. Guarino. The brokerage commissions charged by LPL Financial may be higher or lower than those charged by other broker-dealers. In addition, LPL Financial, as well as Registrant's Associated Persons, relative to commission mutual fund purchases, may also receive additional ongoing 12b-1 trailing commission compensation directly from the mutual fund company during the period that the client maintains the mutual fund investment. The securities commission business conducted by Mr. Guarino is separate and apart from Registrant's investment management services discussed in the Registrant's Brochure.
 3. **Other Compensation.** In the event the client chooses to purchase investment products through a brokerage account with LPL Financial, or custody investment assets with LPL Financial, Mr. Guarino may receive compensation other than commissions from LPL Financial. Other compensation may include bonuses based on production, stock options to purchase shares of LPL Financial's parent company, LPL Investment Holdings Inc., reimbursement of fees that your financial advisor pays to LPL Financial for items such as administrative services, and other things of value such as free or reduced-cost marketing materials, payments in connection with the transition from another investment firm to LPL, or attendance at LPL Financial conferences and events. These types of compensation from LPL Financial may be based on overall business production and/or on the amount of assets serviced in LPL Financial advisory programs. Clients are reminded that they may purchase investment products recommended by Registrant through other, non-affiliated broker dealers, and may choose to custody investment assets through non-affiliated custodians.
- B. **Insurance License.** Mr. Guarino holds a license to sell insurance, and may recommend the purchase of certain insurance-related products on a commission basis. Clients can engage Mr. Guarino to purchase insurance products on a commission basis. **Conflict of Interest:** The recommendation by Mr. Guarino that a client purchase an insurance commission product presents a **conflict of interest**, as the receipt of commissions may provide an incentive to recommend insurance products based on commissions to be received, rather than on a particular client's need. No client is under any obligation to purchase any insurance commission products from Mr. Guarino. Clients are reminded that they may purchase insurance products recommended by Mr. Guarino through any other, non-affiliated insurance agent, insurance broker or insurance producer. **The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, James Hooks, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above conflict of interest.**

Item 5 Additional Compensation

Mr. Guarino may receive compensation from product sponsors. Compensation may include such items as gifts valued at less than \$100 annually, an occasional dinner or ticket to a sporting event, or reimbursement in connection with educational or training events or marketing or advertising initiatives. Such compensation may not be tied to the sale of any products.



Item 6 Supervision

The Registrant provides investment advisory and supervisory services in accordance with the Registrant's policies and procedures manual. The primary purpose of the Registrant's Rule 206(4)-7 policies and procedures is to comply with the supervision requirements of Section 203(e)(6) of the Investment Advisers Act ("Act"). The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, James Hooks, is primarily responsible for the implementation of the Registrant's policies and procedures and overseeing the activities of the Registrant's supervised persons. Should an employee, independent contractor, investment adviser representative, or solicitor of the Registrant have any questions regarding the applicability/relevance of the Act, the Rules thereunder, any section thereof, or any section of the policies and procedures, he/she should address those questions with the Chief Compliance Officer. Should a client have any questions regarding the Registrant's supervision or compliance practices, please contact Mr. Hooks at 973-538-7010.

Item 7 Additional Addresses

None