Form ADV Part 3 – Client Relationship Summary

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Item 1: Introduction

GRANITE FINANCIAL PARTNERS is an investment adviser registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission offering advisory accounts and services. Brokerage and investment advisory services and fees differ, and it is important that you understand the differences. This document gives you a summary of the types of services and fees we offer. Please visit <u>www.investor.gov/CRS</u> for free, simple tools to research firms and for educational materials about broker-dealers, investment advisers, and investing.

Item 2: Relationships and Services

<u>Questions to ask us</u>: 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?

<u>What investment services and advice can you provide me?</u> Our firm primarily offers the following investment advisory services to retail clients: portfolio management via a wrap fee program; financial planning; and selection of other advisers (we select a third-party adviser for you to use). As part of our standard services, we typically monitor client accounts on a monthly basis. Our firm offers both discretionary advisory services (where our firm makes the decision regarding the purchase or sale of investments) as well as non-discretionary services (where the retail investor makes the ultimate decision). We limit the types of investments that are recommended since not every type of investment vehicle is needed to create an appropriate portfolio; however, we may provide investment advice on individual securities based on a client's unique needs. Our firm does *not* have a minimum account size. Please also see our Form ADV Part 2A ("Brochure"), specifically Items 4 & 7.

Item 3: Fees, Costs, Conflicts, and Standard of Conduct

<u>Questions to ask us</u>: 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? How might your conflicts of interest affect me, and how will you address them?

<u>What fees will I pay?</u> Our fees vary depending on the services you receive. For portfolio management services when we manage your account or select a third-party manager for this, you pay us an asset-based fee. The amount of assets in your account affects our advisory fee; the more assets you have in your advisory account, the more you will pay us. Thus, we have an incentive to encourage you to deposit additional assets or to maintain the level of assets in your account. For financial planning services, you pay us either hourly or fixed fees. Our fixed fee arrangements are based on the amount of work we expect to perform for you, so material changes in that amount of work will affect the advisory fee we quote you. The fee schedules for our clients are negotiable. Each client's advisory agreement will state the frequency and method of calculation for the advisory fee. You pay our fees even if you do not have any transactions and the advisory fee paid to us generally does not vary based on the type of investments selected. Please also see Items 4, 5 & 6 of our <u>Brochure</u>.

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Some investments (e.g., mutual funds, exchange traded funds, etc.) impose additional fees (e.g., transactional fees and product-level fees) that reduce the value of your investment over time. The same goes for any additional fees you pay to a custodian. For the wrap fee program, you will not typically pay additional transaction fees and thus our advisory fee is higher than if you paid transaction fees separately. 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. Please also see Items 5 of our Brochure for additional details.

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 (see heading immediately below).

<u>How do your financial professionals make money</u>? Primarily, we and our financial professionals receive cash compensation from the advisory services we provide to you because of the advisory fees we receive from you. This compensation may vary based on different factors, such as those listed above in this Item. As separately licensed insurance agents, our financial professionals also receive commissions when they recommend insurance products and therefore have an incentive to recommend products that provide them additional compensation over those that do not. Additionally, if we manage your portfolio in a wrap fee program, we have an incentive to limit trading in your account and to favor asset types that do not have a transaction fee in order to minimize trading expenses that we would have to normally pay out of our management fee. Please also see Item 10 of our <u>Brochure</u> for additional details.

Item 4: Disciplinary History

<u>Questions to ask us</u>: As a financial professional, do you have any disciplinary history? For what type of conduct?

We do not have legal and disciplinary events. Visit <u>https://www.investor.gov/</u> for a free, simple search tool to research us and our financial professionals.

Item 5: Additional Information

<u>Questions to ask us</u>: 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?

For additional information on our advisory services, **see our <u>Brochure</u> available at** <u>https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/summary/172241</u> and any individual brochure supplement your representative provides. If you have any questions, need additional up-to-date, or want another copy of this Client Relationship Summary, then please contact us at 603-554-8551.

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Exhibit A – Material Changes to Client Relationship Summary

This is the initial version of the Client Relationship Summary. There are no material changes.