

## Baron Silver Stevens Financial Advisors, LLC

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### FORM CRS

Baron Silver Stevens Financial Advisors, 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 [Investor.gov/CRS](https://investor.gov/CRS), 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.

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

We offer the following investment advisory services to retail investors: **Financial Planning and Consulting Services; Portfolio Management Services; Selection of Other Advisers; and Ongoing Retainer Services.**

- **Account Monitoring:** If you open an investment account with our firm, as part of our standard service we will monitor your investments on a continuous basis.
- **Investment Authority:** We manage investment accounts on a **discretionary** basis whereby **we will 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. We also offer **non-discretionary** investment management services whereby we will provide advice, but **you will ultimately decide** which investments to buy and sell for your account. You have an unrestricted right to decline to implement any advice provided by our firm on a non-discretionary basis.
- **Investment Offerings:** We offer advice on the following types of investments or products: equity securities, corporate debt securities (other than commercial paper), variable annuities, mutual fund shares, options contracts on securities and ETFs.
- **Account Minimums and Requirements:** In general, we require a minimum account size to open and maintain an advisory account, which may be waived in our discretion.

Detailed information regarding our services, fees and other disclosures can be found in our Form ADV Part 2A Items 4, 7, 13 and 16 by clicking this link <https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/brochure/126767>.

#### **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.

- **Asset Based Fees** - Payable quarterly in advance. A program fee is paid by us that covers the transaction costs. You will not pay a higher fee than accounts where the transaction charges are paid directly by the client. 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;
- **Hourly Fees** - Payable in arrears.
- **Fixed Fees** - Payable in advance.

Examples of the most common fees and costs applicable to our clients are:

- Custodian fees;
- Account maintenance fees;
- Fees related to variable annuities, including surrender charges;
- Fees related to mutual funds and exchange-traded funds; 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.**

For detailed information, refer to our Form ADV Part 2A by clicking this link <https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/brochure/126767>

**Key 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:* Persons providing advice on behalf of our firm are registered representatives with a broker-dealer. These persons receive compensation in connection with the purchase and sale of securities or other investment products. 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.
- *Third-Party Payments:* Our firm is also licensed as an insurance agency. Persons providing investment advice on behalf of our firm are licensed as insurance agents. These persons will earn commission-based compensation for selling insurance products, including insurance products they sell to you. Insurance commissions earned by these persons are separate from 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 rather than solely based on your needs.
- Certain investment adviser representatives of our firm may be registered as investment adviser representatives of another investment adviser. Clients of our firm are not also advisory clients of this advisory firm.
- Certain investment adviser representatives of our firm are CPAs and own a certified public account firm. Fees for accounting services are separate from advisory fees.

**Key Questions to Ask Your Financial Professional**

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

Refer to our Form ADV Part 2A by clicking this link <https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/brochure/126767> to help you understand what conflicts exist.

**How do your financial professionals make money?**

Our Company and the financial professional servicing your account(s) are compensated in the following ways: Salary; Bonus; Product Sales Commissions; and Accounting Fees. Financial professionals' compensation is based on the amount of client assets they service; the products sold (i.e. differential compensation); and the revenue the firm earns from the person's services or recommendations. Certain employees may also receive compensation for the establishment of client relationships.

**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 [Investor.gov/CRS](http://Investor.gov/CRS).

**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 561-447-1997 or click the link provided <https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/brochure/126767>.

**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?**