# Clanton Financial Partners, LLC Form ADV Part 2A - Disclosure Brochure Effective: January 30, 2025 This Form ADV Part 2A ("Disclosure Brochure") provides information about the qualifications and business practices of Clanton Financial Partners, LLC ("Clanton Financial" or the "Advisor"). If you have any questions about the content of this Disclosure Brochure, please contact the Advisor at 651-587-8255. Clanton Financial is a registered investment advisor located in the State of Minnesota. The information in this Disclosure Brochure has not been approved or verified by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") or by any state securities authority. Registration of an investment advisor does not imply any specific level of skill or

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training. This Disclosure Brochure provides information about Clanton Financial to assist you in determining whether

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to retain the Advisor.

#### Item 2 - Material Changes

Form ADV 2 is divided into two parts: Part 2A (the "Disclosure Brochure") and Part 2B (the "Brochure Supplement"). The Disclosure Brochure provides information about a variety of topics relating to an Advisor's business practices and conflicts of interest. The Brochure Supplement provides information about the Advisory Persons of Clanton Financial. For convenience, the Advisor has combined these documents into a single disclosure document.

Clanton Financial believes that communication and transparency are the foundation of its relationship with clients and will continually strive to provide you with complete and accurate information at all times. Clanton Financial encourages all current and prospective clients to read this Disclosure Brochure and discuss any questions you may have with the Advisor.

#### Material Changes

Clanton Financial is a newly formed registered investment advisor. This is the initial filing of the Disclosure Brochure.

#### **Future Changes**

From time to time, the Advisor may amend this Disclosure Brochure to reflect changes in business practices, changes in regulations or routine annual updates as required by the securities regulators. This complete Disclosure Brochure or a Summary of Material Changes shall be provided to you annually and if a material change occurs.

At any time, you may view the current Disclosure Brochure on-line at the SEC's Investment Adviser Public Disclosure website at <a href="https://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov">www.adviserinfo.sec.gov</a> by searching with the Advisor's firm name or CRD# 333591. You may also request a copy of this Disclosure Brochure at any time by contacting the Advisor at 651-587-8255.

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#### Item 4 - Advisory Business

#### A. Firm Information

Clanton Financial Partners, LLC ("Clanton Financial" or the "Advisor") is a registered investment advisor located in the State of Minnesota. The Advisor is organized as a Limited Liability Company (LLC) under the laws of Minnesota. Clanton Financial was founded in October 2024, became a registered investment advisor in January 2025, and is owned and operated by Britt E. Clanton, CRPC® (Owner and Chief Compliance Officer). This Disclosure Brochure provides information regarding the qualifications, business practices, and the advisory services provided by Clanton Financial.

#### **B. Advisory Services Offered**

Clanton Financial offers investment advisory services to individuals, high net worth individuals, and retirement plans (each referred to as a "Client").

The Advisor serves as a fiduciary to Clients, as defined under the applicable laws and regulations. As a fiduciary, the Advisor upholds a duty of loyalty, fairness and good faith towards each Client and seeks to mitigate potential conflicts of interest. Clanton Financial's fiduciary commitment is further described in the Advisor's Code of Ethics. For more information regarding the Code of Ethics, please see Item 11 – Code of Ethics, Participation or Interest in Client Transactions and Personal Trading.

#### **Investment Management Services**

Clanton Financial provides customized investment management solutions for its Clients. This is achieved through continuous personal Client contact and interaction while providing discretionary and non-discretionary investment management and related advisory services. Clanton Financial works closely with each Client to identify their investment goals, objectives, risk tolerance and financial situation in order to create a portfolio strategy. Clanton Financial will then construct an investment portfolio consisting of independent managers, exchange-traded funds ("ETFs"), individual stocks, bonds, and mutual funds to achieve the Client's investment goals. The Advisor may retain certain types of investments based on a Client's legacy investments based on portfolio fit and/or tax considerations.

Clanton Financial's investment strategies are primarily long-term focused, but the Advisor may buy, sell or re-allocate positions that have been held for less than one year to meet the objectives of the Client or due to market conditions. Clanton Financial will construct, implement and monitor the portfolio to ensure it meets the goals, objectives, circumstances, and risk tolerance agreed to by the Client. Each Client will have the opportunity to place reasonable restrictions on the types of investments to be held in their respective portfolio, subject to acceptance by the Advisor.

Clanton Financial evaluates and selects investments for inclusion in Client portfolios only after applying its internal due diligence process. Clanton Financial may recommend, on occasion, redistributing investment allocations to diversify the portfolio. Clanton Financial may recommend specific positions to increase sector or asset class weightings. The Advisor may recommend employing cash positions as a possible hedge against market movement.

Clanton Financial may recommend selling positions for reasons that include, but are not limited to, harvesting capital gains or losses, business or sector risk exposure to a specific security or class of securities, overvaluation or overweighting of the position[s] in the portfolio, change in risk tolerance of the Client, generating cash to meet Client needs, or any risk deemed unacceptable for the Client's risk tolerance.

At no time will Clanton Financial accept or maintain custody of a Client's funds or securities, except for the limited authority as outlined in Item 15 – Custody. All Client assets will be managed within the designated account[s] at the Custodian, pursuant to the terms of the advisory agreement. Please see Item 12 – Brokerage Practices.

Retirement Accounts – When the Advisor provides investment advice to Clients regarding ERISA retirement accounts or individual retirement accounts ("IRAs"), the Advisor is a fiduciary within the meaning of Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act ("ERISA") and/or the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"), as applicable, which are laws governing retirement accounts. When deemed to be in the Client's best interest, the Advisor will provide investment advice to a Client regarding a distribution from an ERISA retirement account or to roll over the assets to an IRA, or

recommend a similar transaction including rollovers from one ERISA sponsored Plan to another, one IRA to another IRA, or from one type of account to another account (e.g. commission-based account to fee-based account). Such a recommendation creates a conflict of interest if the Advisor will earn a new (or increase its current) advisory fee as a result of the transaction. No client is under any obligation to roll over a retirement account to an account managed by the Advisor.

#### **Use of Independent Managers**

The Advisor may recommend that Clients utilize one or more unaffiliated investment managers or investment platforms (collectively "Independent Managers") for all or a portion of a Client's investment portfolio, based on the Client's needs and objectives. The Advisor will perform initial and ongoing oversight and due diligence over each Independent Manager to ensure the strategy remains aligned with Client's investment objectives and overall best interests. The Advisor will also assist the Client in the development of the initial policy recommendations and managing the ongoing Client relationship. The Client, prior to entering into an agreement with an Independent Manager, will be provided with the Independent Manager's Form ADV Part 2A - Disclosure Brochure (or a brochure that makes the appropriate disclosures).

#### Retirement Plan Advisory Services

The Advisor provides 3(21) retirement plan advisory services on behalf of the retirement plans (each a "Plan") and the company (the "Plan Sponsor"). The Advisor's retirement plan advisory services are designed to assist the Plan Sponsor in meeting its fiduciary obligations to the Plan and its Plan Participants. Each engagement is customized to the needs of the Plan and Plan Sponsor. Services generally include:

- Plan Participant Enrollment and Education Tracking
- Investment Policy Statement ("IPS") Design and Monitoring
- Ongoing Investment Recommendation and Assistance

These services are provided by the Advisor serving in the capacity as a fiduciary under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"). In accordance with ERISA Section 408(b)(2), the Plan Sponsor is provided with a written description of the Advisor's fiduciary status, the specific services to be rendered and all direct and indirect compensation the Advisor reasonably expects under the engagement.

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations Section 260.238(k), the Advisor has disclosed all material conflicts of interests that could reasonably be expected to impair the rendering of unbiased and objective advice.

#### C. Client Account Management

Prior to engaging Clanton Financial to provide investment advisory services, each Client is required to enter into one or more agreements with the Advisor that define the terms, conditions, authority and responsibilities of the Advisor and the Client. These services may include:

- <u>Establishing an Investment Strategy</u> Clanton Financial, in connection with the Client, will develop a strategy that seeks to achieve the Client's goals and objectives.
- <u>Asset Allocation</u> Clanton Financial will develop a strategic asset allocation that is targeted to meet the
  investment objectives, time horizon, financial situation and tolerance for risk for each Client.
- <u>Portfolio Construction</u> Clanton Financial will develop a portfolio for the Client that is intended to meet the stated goals and objectives of the Client.
- <u>Investment Management and Supervision</u> Clanton Financial will provide investment management and ongoing oversight of the Client's investment portfolio.

#### D. Wrap Fee Programs

Clanton Financial includes, in addition to custodial costs, administrative fees, wire fees, trade away transactions, and other fees and expenses (herein "Covered Costs") together with its investment advisory fees. Including these fees into a single asset-based fee is considered a "Wrap Fee Program". The Advisor customizes its investment management services for its Clients. The Advisor sponsors the Clanton Financial Wrap Fee Program solely as a

supplemental disclosure regarding the combination of fees. Depending on the level of trading required for the Client's account[s] in a particular year, the Client may pay more or less in total fees than if the Client paid its own transaction fees. Please see Appendix 1 – Wrap Fee Program Brochure, which is included as a supplement to this Disclosure Brochure.

#### **E.** Assets Under Management

Clanton Financial is a newly established advisor. Assets under management shall be reported with the Advisor's next filing of this Disclosure Brochure. Clients may request more current information at any time by contacting the Advisor.

#### Item 5 – Fees and Compensation

The following paragraphs detail the fee structure and compensation methodology for services provided by the Advisor. Each Client engaging the Advisor for services described herein shall be required to enter into one or more written agreements with the Advisor.

#### A. Fees for Advisory Services

#### **Investment Management Services**

Investment advisory fees are paid monthly in advance of each month pursuant to the terms of the investment advisory agreement. Investment advisory fees are based on the market value of assets under management at the end of the prior month. Investment advisory fees are based on the following blended tier schedule:

Assets Under Management (\$)	Annual Rate (%)
Up to \$100,000	1.50%
\$100,001 to \$500,000	1.00%
\$500,001 to \$3,000,000	0.80%
\$3,000,001 to \$10,000,000	0.70%
\$10,000,001 to \$25,000,000	Negotiable

The investment advisory fee in the first month of service is prorated from the inception date of the account[s] to the end of the first month. Fees may be negotiable at the sole discretion of the Advisor. The Client's fees will take into consideration the aggregate assets under management with the Advisor. All securities held in accounts managed by Clanton Financial will be independently valued by the Custodian. The Advisor will conduct periodic reviews of the Custodian's valuation to ensure accurate billing.

The Advisor's fee includes any applicable securities transaction and custody fees, and other related costs and expenses described in Item 5.C below, which may be incurred by the Client. However, the Advisor shall not receive any portion of these commissions, fees, and costs.

#### Use of Independent Managers

As noted in Item 4, the Advisor may implement all or a portion of a Client's investment portfolio utilizing one or more Independent Managers. To eliminate any conflict of interest, the Advisor does not earn any compensation from an Independent Manager. The Advisor will only earn its investment advisory fee as described above. Independent Managers typically do not offer any fee discounts but may have a breakpoint schedule which will reduce the fee with an increased level of assets placed under management with an Independent Manager. The terms of such fee arrangements are included in the Independent Manager's disclosure brochure and applicable contract[s] with the Independent Manager. The total blended fee, including the Advisor's fee and the Independent Manager's fee, will not exceed 2.00% annually.

#### Retirement Plan Advisory Services

Retirement plan advisory fees are charged an annual asset-based fee of up to 1.50%. Fees may be billed monthly or quarterly ("Billing Period") in advance or arrears pursuant to the terms of the retirement plan advisory agreement. Retirement plan fees are based on the market value of assets under management at the end of the Billing Period. Fees may be negotiable depending on the size and complexity of the Plan but shall not exceed the fee range stated above.

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations Section 260.238(j), the Advisor discloses that the Client may be able to obtain similar services from other services providers for a lower fee.

#### **B. Fee Billing**

#### **Investment Management Services**

Investment advisory fees are calculated by the Advisor and deducted from the Client's account[s] at the Custodian. The Advisor shall send an invoice to the Custodian indicating the amount of the fees to be deducted from the Client's account[s] at the beginning of the respective month. The amount due is calculated by applying the monthly rate (annual rate divided by 12) to the total assets under management with Clanton Financial at the end of the prior month. Clients will be provided with a statement, at least quarterly, from the Custodian reflecting deduction of the investment advisory fee. In addition, the Advisor will provide the Client a report itemizing the fee, including the calculation period covered by the fee, the account value and the methodology used to calculate the fee. Clients are urged to also review and compare the statement provided by the Advisor to the brokerage statement from the Custodian, as the Custodian does not perform a verification of fees. Clients provide written authorization permitting advisory fees to be deducted by Clanton Financial to be paid directly from their account[s] held by the Custodian as part of the investment advisory agreement and separate account forms provided by the Custodian.

#### **Use of Independent Managers**

For Client accounts implemented through an Independent Manager, the Client's overall fees will include the Advisor's investment advisory fee as noted above. The Advisor and the Independent Manager will each assume the responsibility for calculating and deducting their respective fees from the Client's account[s].

#### Retirement Plan Advisory Services

Retirement plan advisory fees may be directly invoiced to the Plan Sponsor or deducted from the assets of the Plan, depending on the terms of the retirement plan advisory agreement.

#### C. Other Fees and Expenses

Clients may incur certain fees or charges imposed by third parties in connection with investments made on behalf of the Client's account[s]. Clanton Financial includes Covered Costs as part of its overall investment advisory fee through the Clanton Financial Wrap Fee Program. Securities transaction fees for Client-directed trades may be charged back to the Client. Please see Item 4.D. above as well as Appendix 1 – Wrap Fee Program Brochure.

In addition, all fees paid to Clanton Financial for investment advisory services are separate and distinct from the expenses charged by mutual funds and ETFs to their shareholders, if applicable. These fees and expenses are described in each fund's prospectus. These fees and expenses will generally be used to pay management fees for the funds, other fund expenses, account administration (e.g., custody, brokerage and account reporting), and a possible distribution fee. A Client may be able to invest in these products directly, without the services of Clanton Financial, but would not receive the services provided by Clanton Financial which are designed, among other things, to assist the Client in determining which products or services are most appropriate for each Client's financial situation and objectives. Accordingly, the Client should review both the fees charged by the fund[s] and the fees charged by Clanton Financial to fully understand the total fees to be paid. Please refer to Item 12 – Brokerage Practices for additional information.

#### D. Advance Payment of Fees and Termination

#### **Investment Management Services**

Clanton Financial is compensated for its investment management services in advance of the month in which services are rendered. Either party may terminate the investment advisory agreement, at any time, by providing advance written notice to the other party. The Client may also terminate the investment advisory agreement within five (5) business days of signing the Advisor's agreement at no cost to the Client. After the five-day period, the Client will incur charges for bona fide advisory services rendered to the point of termination and such fees will be due and payable by the Client. Upon termination, the Advisor will refund any unearned, prepaid investment advisory fees from the effective date of termination to the end of the month. The Client's investment advisory agreement with the Advisor is non-transferable without the Client's prior written consent.

#### Retirement Plan Advisory Services

The Advisor may be compensated for its services at the beginning of the Billing Period before services are rendered pursuant to the terms of the retirement plan advisory agreement. Either party may request to terminate a retirement plan advisory agreement, at any time, by providing advance written notice to the other party. The Client shall be responsible for fees up to and including the effective date of termination. If the fees are billed in advance, the Advisor will refund any unearned, prepaid retirement plan advisory fees from the effective date of termination to the end of the Billing Period. The Client's retirement plan services agreement with the Advisor is non-transferable without the Client's prior consent.

#### Use of Independent Managers

In the event that the Advisor has determined that an Independent Manager is no longer in the Client's best interest or a Client should wish to terminate their relationship with the Independent Manager, the terms for the termination will be set forth in the respective agreements between the Advisor and the Independent Manager. The Advisor will assist the Client with the termination and transition as appropriate.

#### E. Compensation for Sales of Securities

#### Insurance Agency Affiliation

Mr. Clanton is licensed as independent insurance professionals. As an independent insurance professional, Mr. Clanton may earn commission-based compensation for selling insurance products, including insurance products offered to Clients. Insurance commissions earned by Mr. Clanton is separate and in addition to investment advisory fees. This practice presents a conflict of interest as Mr. Clanton who is also an insurance professional will have an incentive to recommend insurance products to the Client for the purpose of generating commissions rather than solely based on the Client's needs. Clients are under no obligation, contractual or otherwise, to purchase insurance products through any Advisory Person affiliated with the Advisor. Please see Item 10 below.

Clanton Financial Partners, LLC nor its supervised persons accept compensation for the sale of securities or other investment products, including the asset-based sales charges or services fees from the sale of mutual funds.

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

Clanton Financial does not charge performance-based fees for its investment advisory services. The fees charged by Clanton Financial are as described in Item 5 above and <u>are not</u> based upon the capital appreciation of the funds or securities held by any Client.

Clanton Financial does not manage any proprietary investment funds or limited partnerships (for example, a mutual fund or a hedge fund) and has no financial incentive to recommend any particular investment options to its Clients.

#### Item 7 – Types of Clients

Clanton Financial offers investment advisory services to individuals, high net worth individuals, and retirement plans. Clanton Financial generally does not impose a minimum relationship size.

#### Item 8 – Methods of Analysis, Investment Strategies and Risk of Loss

#### A. Methods of Analysis

Clanton Financial primarily employs a fundamental analysis method in developing investment strategies for its Clients. Research and analysis from Clanton Financial are derived from numerous sources, including financial media companies, third-party research materials, Internet sources, and review of company activities, including annual reports, prospectuses, press releases and research prepared by others.

Fundamental analysis utilizes economic and business indicators as investment selection criteria. This criteria consists generally of ratios and trends that may indicate the overall strength and financial viability of the entity being analyzed. Assets are deemed suitable if they meet certain criteria to indicate that they are a strong investment with a value discounted by the market. While this type of analysis helps the Advisor in evaluating a potential investment, it does not guarantee that the investment will increase in value. Assets meeting the investment criteria utilized in the fundamental analysis may lose value and may have negative investment performance. The Advisor monitors these

economic indicators to determine if adjustments to strategic allocations are appropriate. More details on the Advisor's review process are included below in Item 13 – Review of Accounts.

As noted above, Clanton Financial generally employs a long-term investment strategy for its Clients, as consistent with their financial goals. Clanton Financial will typically hold all or a portion of a security for more than a year, but may hold for shorter periods for the purpose of rebalancing a portfolio or meeting the cash needs of Clients. At times, Clanton Financial may also buy and sell positions that are more short-term in nature, depending on the goals of the Client and/or the fundamentals of the security, sector or asset class.

#### B. Risk of Loss

Investing in securities involves risks of loss that Clients should be prepared to bear. Securities may fluctuate in value or lose value. Clients should be prepared to bear the potential risk of loss. Clanton Financial will assist Clients in determining an appropriate strategy based on their tolerance for risk and other factors noted above. However, there is no guarantee that a Client will meet their investment goals.

While the methods of analysis help the Advisor in evaluating a potential investment, it does not guarantee that the investment will increase in value. Assets meeting the investment criteria utilized in these methods of analysis may lose value and may have negative investment performance. The Advisor monitors these economic indicators to determine if adjustments to strategic allocations are appropriate. More details on the Advisor's review process are included below in Item 13 – Review of Accounts.

Each Client engagement will entail a review of the Client's investment goals, financial situation, time horizon, tolerance for risk and other factors to develop an appropriate strategy for managing a Client's account. Client participation in this process, including full and accurate disclosure of requested information, is essential for the analysis of a Client's account[s]. The Advisor shall rely on the financial and other information provided by the Client or their designees without the duty or obligation to validate the accuracy and completeness of the provided information. It is the responsibility of the Client to inform the Advisor of any changes in financial condition, goals or other factors that may affect this analysis.

The risks associated with a particular strategy are provided to each Client in advance of investing Client accounts. The Advisor will work with each Client to determine their tolerance for risk as part of the portfolio construction process. Following are some of the risks associated with the Advisor's investment strategies:

#### Market Risks

The value of a Client's holdings may fluctuate in response to events specific to companies or markets, as well as economic, political, or social events in the U.S. and abroad. This risk is linked to the performance of the overall financial markets.

#### ETF Risks

The performance of ETFs is subject to market risk, including the possible loss of principal. The price of the ETFs will fluctuate with the price of the underlying securities that make up the funds. In addition, ETFs have a trading risk based on the loss of cost efficiency if the ETFs are traded actively and a liquidity risk if the ETFs has a large bid-ask spread and low trading volume. The price of an ETF fluctuates based upon the market movements and may dissociate from the index being tracked by the ETF or the price of the underlying investments. An ETF purchased or sold at one point in the day may have a different price than the same ETF purchased or sold a short time later.

#### **Bond Risks**

Bonds are subject to specific risks, including the following: (1) interest rate risks, i.e. the risk that bond prices will fall if interest rates rise, and vice versa, the risk depends on two things, the bond's time to maturity, and the coupon rate of the bond. (2) reinvestment risk, i.e. the risk that any profit gained must be reinvested at a lower rate than was previously being earned, (3) inflation risk, i.e. the risk that the cost of living and inflation increase at a rate that exceeds the income investment thereby decreasing the investor's rate of return, (4) credit default risk, i.e. the risk associated with purchasing a debt instrument which includes the possibility of the company defaulting on its repayment obligation, (5) rating downgrades, i.e. the risk associated with a rating agency's downgrade of the company's rating

which impacts the investor's confidence in the company's ability to repay its debt and (6) Liquidity Risks, i.e. the risk that a bond may not be sold as quickly as there is no readily available market for the bond.

#### Mutual Fund Risks

The performance of mutual funds is subject to market risk, including the possible loss of principal. The price of the mutual funds will fluctuate with the value of the underlying securities that make up the funds. The price of a mutual fund is typically set daily therefore a mutual fund purchased at one point in the day will typically have the same price as a mutual fund purchased later that same day.

Past performance is not a guarantee of future returns. Investing in securities and other investments involve a risk of loss that each Client should understand and be willing to bear. Clients are reminded to discuss these risks with the Advisor.

#### Item 9 - Disciplinary Information

There are no legal, regulatory or disciplinary events involving Clanton Financial or its owner. Neither the Advisor nor its owner have been subject to any criminal or civil actions, administrative proceedings, or self-regulatory organization (SRO) proceedings. Clanton Financial values the trust Clients place in the Advisor. The Advisor encourages Clients to perform the requisite due diligence on any advisor or service provider that the Client engages. The backgrounds of the Advisor or Advisory Persons are available on the Investment Adviser Public Disclosure website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov by searching with the Advisor's firm name or CRD# 333591.

#### Item 10 – Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

#### A. Broker-Dealer Affiliation

Neither the Advisor nor management person[s] have any active or pending registrations or affiliations with a broker-dealer.

#### **B. Futures Merchant**

Neither the Advisor nor management person[s] have any active or pending registrations or affiliations with a futures commission merchant, commodity pool operator, or commodity-trading advisor.

#### C. Material Relationships

As noted in Item 5, Mr. Clanton is a licensed insurance professional. Implementations of insurance recommendations are separate and apart from one's role with the Advisor. As an insurance professional, Mr. Clanton will receive customary commissions and other related revenues from the various insurance companies whose products are sold. Mr. Clanton is not required to offer the products of any particular insurance company. Commissions generated by insurance sales do not offset investment advisory fees. This presents a conflict of interest in recommending certain products of the insurance companies. Clients are under no obligation to implement any recommendations made by the Advisor or Mr. Clanton.

#### D. Selection of Other Advisors

As noted in Item 4, the Advisor may implement all or a portion of a Client's investment portfolio with one or more Independent Managers. Prior to recommending the Independent Manager to the Client, the Advisor will ensure that each Independent Manager is properly licensed, notice filed, or exempted from registration as a firm (or in their individual capacity) in the jurisdiction where the Client resides. To eliminate any conflict of interest, the Advisor does not earn any compensation from an Independent Manager. The Advisor will only earn its investment advisory fee as described in Item 5.A. In such arrangements, the Advisor and the Independent Manager will each assume the responsibility for deducting their respective fees from the Client's account[s].

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

#### A. Code of Ethics

Clanton Financial has implemented a Code of Ethics (the "Code") that defines the Advisor's fiduciary commitment to each Client. This Code applies to all persons associated with Clanton Financial ("Supervised Persons"). The Code was developed to provide general ethical guidelines and specific instructions regarding the Advisor's duties to each Client. Clanton Financial and its Supervised Persons owe a duty of loyalty, fairness and good faith towards each Client. It is the obligation of Clanton Financial's Supervised Persons to adhere not only to the specific provisions of the Code, but also to the general principles that guide the Code. The Code covers a range of topics that address employee ethics and conflicts of interest. A copy of the Code of Ethics will be provided to any Client or prospective client upon request. To request a copy of the Code, please contact the Advisor at 651-587-8255.

#### **B. Personal Trading with Material Interest**

The Advisor nor a related person recommends to Clients, or buys or sells for Client accounts, securities in which the Advisor or a related person has a material financial interest. Clanton Financial allows Supervised Persons to purchase or sell the same securities that may be recommended to and purchased on behalf of Clients. Clanton Financial does not act as principal in any transactions. In addition, the Advisor does not act as the general partner of a fund, or advise an investment company. Clanton Financial does not have a material interest in any securities traded in Client accounts.

#### C. Personal Trading in Same Securities as Clients

Clanton Financial allows Supervised Persons to purchase or sell the same securities that may be recommended to and purchased on behalf of Clients. Owning the same securities that are recommended (purchase or sell) to Clients presents a conflict of interest that, as fiduciaries, must be disclosed to Clients and mitigated through policies and procedures. As noted above, the Advisor has adopted the Code to address insider trading (material non-public information controls); gifts and entertainment; outside business activities and personal securities reporting. When trading for personal accounts, Supervised Persons have a conflict of interest if trading in the same securities. The fiduciary duty to act in the best interest of its Clients can be violated if personal trades are made with more advantageous terms than Client trades, or by trading based on material non-public information. This risk is mitigated by Clanton Financial requiring reporting of personal securities trades by its Supervised Persons for review by the Chief Compliance Officer ("CCO") or delegate. The Advisor has also adopted written policies and procedures to detect the misuse of material, non-public information.

#### D. Personal Trading at Same Time as Client

While Clanton Financial allows Supervised Persons to purchase or sell the same securities that may be recommended to and purchased on behalf of Clients, such trades are typically aggregated with Client orders or traded afterwards. At no time will Clanton Financial, or any Supervised Person of Clanton Financial, transact in any security to the detriment of any Client.

#### Item 12 - Brokerage Practices

#### A. Recommendation of Custodian[s]

Clanton Financial does not have discretionary authority to select the broker-dealer/custodian for custody and execution services. The Client will engage the broker-dealer/custodian (herein the "Custodian") to safeguard Client assets and authorize Clanton Financial to direct trades to the Custodian as agreed upon in the investment advisory agreement. Further, Clanton Financial does not have the discretionary authority to negotiate commissions on behalf of Clients on a trade-by-trade basis.

Where Clanton Financial does not exercise discretion over the selection of the Custodian, it may recommend the Custodian to Clients for custody and execution services. Clients are not obligated to use the Custodian recommended by the Advisor and will not incur any extra fee or cost associated with using a custodian not recommended by Clanton Financial. However, the Advisor may be limited in the services it can provide if the recommended Custodian is not engaged. Clanton Financial may recommend the Custodian based on criteria such as, but not limited to, reasonableness of commissions charged to the Client, services made available to the Client, and its reputation and/or the location of the Custodian's offices.

The Advisor will generally recommend that Clients establish their account[s] at Altruist Financial LLC ("Altruist"), a FINRA-registered broker-dealer and member SIPC. Altruist will serve as the Client's "qualified custodian". The Advisor maintains an institutional relationship with Altruist, whereby the Advisor receives economic benefits. Following are additional details regarding the brokerage practices of the Advisor:

- 1. Soft Dollars Soft dollars are revenue programs offered by broker-dealers/custodians whereby an advisor enters into an agreement to place security trades with a broker-dealer/custodian in exchange for research and other services. Clanton Financial does not participate in soft dollar programs sponsored or offered by any broker-dealer/custodian. However, the Advisor receives certain economic benefits from the Custodian. Please see Item 14 below.
- **2.** Brokerage Referrals Clanton Financial does not receive client referrals from a broker-dealer/custodian or third party. Clanton Financial does not receive any compensation from any third party in connection with the recommendation for establishing an account.
- 3. Directed Brokerage All Clients are serviced on a "directed brokerage basis", where Clanton Financial will place trades within the established account[s] at the Custodian designated by the Client. Further, all Client accounts are traded within their respective account[s]. The Advisor will not engage in any principal transactions (i.e., trade of any security from or to the Advisor's own account) or cross transactions with other Client accounts (i.e., purchase of a security into one Client account from another Client's account[s]). Clanton Financial will not be obligated to select competitive bids on securities transactions and does not have an obligation to seek the lowest available transaction costs. These costs are determined by the Custodian.

#### **B.** Aggregating and Allocating Trades

The primary objective in placing orders for the purchase and sale of securities for Client accounts is to obtain the most favorable net results taking into account such factors as 1) price, 2) size of the order, 3) difficulty of execution, 4) confidentiality and 5) skill required of the Custodian. Clanton Financial will execute its transactions through the Custodian as authorized by the Client. Clanton Financial may aggregate orders in a block trade or trades when securities are purchased or sold through the Custodian for multiple (discretionary) accounts in the same trading day. If a block trade cannot be executed in full at the same price or time, the securities actually purchased or sold by the close of each business day must be allocated in a manner that is consistent with the initial pre-allocation or other written statement. This must be done in a way that does not consistently advantage or disadvantage any particular Clients' accounts.

#### Item 13 - Review of Accounts

#### A. Frequency of Reviews

Securities in Client accounts are monitored on a regular and continuous basis by Britt E. Clanton, Chief Compliance Officer of Clanton Financial. Formal reviews are generally conducted at least annually or more frequently depending on the needs of the Client.

#### **B.** Causes for Reviews

In addition to the investment monitoring noted in Item 13.A., each Client account shall be reviewed at least annually. Reviews may be conducted more frequently at the Client's request. Accounts may be reviewed as a result of major changes in economic conditions, known changes in the Client's financial situation, and/or large deposits or withdrawals in the Client's account[s]. The Client is encouraged to notify Clanton Financial if changes occur in the Client's personal financial situation that might adversely affect the Client's investment plan. Additional reviews may be triggered by material market, economic or political events.

#### C. Review Reports

The Client will receive brokerage statements no less than quarterly from the Custodian. These brokerage statements are sent directly from the Custodian to the Client. The Client may also establish electronic access to the Custodian's website so that the Client may view these reports and their account activity. Client brokerage statements will include all positions, transactions and fees relating to the Client's account[s]. The Advisor may also provide Clients with

periodic reports regarding their holdings, allocations, and performance.

#### Item 14 - Client Referrals and Other Compensation

#### A. Compensation Received by Clanton Financial

Clanton Financial is a fee-based advisory firm, that is compensated solely by its Clients and not from any investment product. Clanton Financial does not receive commissions or other compensation from product sponsors, broker-dealers or any un-related third party. Clanton Financial may refer Clients to various unaffiliated, non-advisory professionals (e.g. attorneys, accountants, estate planners) to provide certain financial services necessary to meet the goals of its Clients. Likewise, Clanton Financial may receive non-compensated referrals of new Clients from various third-parties.

#### Participation in Institutional Advisor Platform

The Advisor has established an institutional relationship with Altruist to assist the Advisor in managing Client account[s]. The Advisor receives access to software and related support because the Advisor renders investment management services to Clients that maintain assets at Altruist The software and related systems support may benefit the Advisor, but not its Clients directly. In fulfilling its duties to its Clients, the Advisor endeavors at all times to put the interests of its Clients first. Clients should be aware, however, that the receipt of economic benefits from a Custodian creates a potential conflict of interest since these benefits may influence the Advisor's recommendation of this Custodian over one that does not furnish similar software, systems support, or services.

#### **B.** Compensation for Client Referrals

The Advisor does not compensate, either directly or indirectly, any persons who are not supervised persons, for Client referrals.

#### Item 15 – Custody

The Advisor does not accept or maintain custody of any Client accounts, except for the authorized deduction of the Advisor's fees. All Clients must place their assets with a "qualified custodian". Clients are required to engage the Custodian to retain their funds and securities and direct the Advisor to utilize that Custodian for the Client's security transactions. The ability to deduct its fees results in the Advisor having a limited form of custody, which is mitigated as follows.

Prior to the Advisor deducting fees from the Custodian, the Advisor will: i) obtain written authorization from the Client to deduct its investment advisory fees from the Custodian; ii) provide written instruction to the Custodian with the amount to be deducted from the Client's account[s]; and iii) provide the Client a report itemizing the fee, including the calculation period covered by the fee, the account value and the methodology used to calculate the fee. Clients should review statements provided by the Custodian and compare to any reports provided by the Advisor to ensure accuracy, as the Custodian does not perform this review. For more information about custodians and brokerage practices, see Item 12 - Brokerage Practices.

#### Item 16 - Investment Discretion

Clanton Financial generally has discretion over the selection and amount of securities to be bought or sold in Client accounts without obtaining prior consent or approval from the Client. However, these purchases or sales may be subject to specified investment objectives, guidelines, or limitations previously set forth by the Client and agreed to by Clanton Financial. Discretionary authority will only be authorized upon full disclosure to the Client. The granting of such authority will be evidenced by the Client's execution of an investment advisory agreement containing all applicable limitations to such authority. All discretionary trades made by Clanton Financial will be in accordance with each Client's investment objectives and goals. Where Clanton Financial does not have discretion over the selection and amount of securities to be bought or sold in Client accounts, prior approval must be obtained from the Client prior to executing trades or allocating investment assets.

#### **Item 17 – Voting Client Securities**

Clanton Financial does not accept proxy-voting responsibility for any Client. Clients will receive proxy statements directly from the Custodian. The Advisor will assist in answering questions relating to proxies, however, the Client retains the sole responsibility for proxy decisions and voting.

#### Item 18 - Financial Information

Neither Clanton Financial, nor its management, have any adverse financial situations that would reasonably impair the ability of Clanton Financial to meet all obligations to its Clients. Neither Clanton Financial, nor any of its Advisory Persons, have been subject to a bankruptcy or financial compromise. Clanton Financial is not required to deliver a balance sheet along with this Disclosure Brochure as the Advisor <u>does not</u> collect advance fees of \$500 or more for services to be performed six months or more in the future.

#### Item 19 - Requirements for State Registered Advisors

#### A. Educational Background and Business Experience of Principal Officer

The Principal Officer of Clanton Financial is Britt E. Clanton, CRPC<sup>®</sup>. Information regarding the formal education and background of Mr. Clanton is included in the Form ADV 2B – Brochure Supplement below.

#### **B. Other Business Activities of Principal Officer**

#### Insurance Agency Affiliations

Mr. Clanton is a licensed insurance professional. Implementations of insurance recommendations are separate and apart from Mr. Clanton's role with Clanton Financial. As an insurance professional, Mr. Clanton will receive customary commissions and other related revenues from the various insurance companies whose products are sold. Mr. Clanton is not required to offer the products of any particular insurance company. Commissions generated by insurance sales do not offset regular advisory fees. This practice presents a conflict of interest in recommending certain products of the insurance companies. Clients are under no obligation to implement any recommendations made by Mr. Clanton or the Advisor.

#### Visibility Innovations

Mr. Clanton is the Chief Financial Officer of Visibility Innovations. In this capacity, Mr. Clanton provides financial consulting to an electrical engineering company. Mr. Clanton's duties include working with the company's leadership team to effectively develop budget proposals, provide access to project finance information, and ensure contract/grant compliance and reporting.

#### C. Performance Fee Calculations

Clanton Financial does not charge performance-based fees for its investment advisory services. The fees charged by Clanton Financial are as described in Item 5 – Fees and Compensation above and <u>are not</u> based upon the capital appreciation of the funds or securities held by any Client.

#### **D. Disciplinary Information**

There are no legal, civil or disciplinary events to disclose regarding Clanton Financial or Mr. Clanton. Neither Clanton Financial nor Mr. Clanton have ever been involved in any regulatory or civil action. There have been no client complaints, lawsuits, arbitration claims or administrative proceedings against Clanton Financial or Mr. Clanton.

Securities laws require an advisor to disclose any instances where the advisor or its advisory persons have been found liable in a legal, regulatory, civil or arbitration matter that alleges violation of securities and other statutes; fraud; false statements or omissions; theft, embezzlement or wrongful taking of property; bribery, forgery, counterfeiting, or extortion; and/or dishonest, unfair or unethical practices. As previously noted, there are no legal, civil or disciplinary events to disclose regarding Clanton Financial or Mr. Clanton.

#### E. Material Relationships with Issuers of Securities

Neither Clanton Financial nor Mr. Clanton have any relationships or arrangements with issuers of securities.

## Clanton Financial Partners, LLC

# Form ADV Part 2A – Appendix 1 ("Wrap Fee Program Brochure")

Effective: January 30, 2025

This Form ADV2A - Appendix 1 ("Wrap Fee Program Brochure") provides information about the qualifications and business practices for Clanton Financial Partners, LLC ("Clanton Financial" or the "Advisor") services when offering services pursuant to a wrap program. This Wrap Fee Program Brochure shall always be accompanied by the Clanton Financial Disclosure Brochure, which provides complete details on the business practices of the Advisor. If you did not receive the complete Clanton Financial Disclosure Brochure or you have any questions about the contents of this Wrap Fee Program Brochure or the Clanton Financial Disclosure Brochure, please contact the Advisor at 651-587-8255.

Clanton Financial is a registered investment advisor located in the State of Minnesota. The information in this Wrap Fee Program Brochure has not been approved or verified by the SEC or by any state securities authority. Registration of an investment advisor does not imply any specific level of skill or training. This Wrap Fee Program Brochure provides information about Clanton Financial to assist you in determining whether to retain the Advisor.

Additional information about Clanton Financial and its advisory persons are available on the SEC's website at <a href="https://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov">www.adviserinfo.sec.gov</a> by searching the Advisor's firm name or CRD# 333591.

#### Item 2 - Material Changes

Form ADV 2A - Appendix 1 provides information about a variety of topics relating to an Advisor's business practices and conflicts of interest. In particular, this Wrap Fee Program Brochure discusses the Wrap Fee Program offered by the Advisor.

#### Material Changes

Clanton Financial is a newly formed registered investment advisor. This is the initial filing of the Disclosure Brochure.

#### **Future Changes**

From time to time, the Advisor may amend this Wrap Fee Program Brochure to reflect changes in business practices, changes in regulations or routine annual updates as required by the securities regulators. This complete Wrap Fee Program Brochure (along with the complete Clanton Financial Disclosure Brochure) or a Summary of Material Changes shall be provided to you annually and if a material change occurs in the business practices of Clanton Financial.

At any time, you may view this Wrap Fee Program Brochure and the current Disclosure Brochure on-line at the SEC's Investment Adviser Public Disclosure website at <a href="https://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov">www.adviserinfo.sec.gov</a> by searching for the Advisor's firm name or CRD# 333591. You may also request a copy of this Disclosure Brochure at any time, by contacting the Advisor at 651-587-8255.

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#### Item 4 – Services Fees and Compensation

#### A. Services

Clanton Financial provides customized investment advisory services for its Clients. This Wrap Fee Program Brochure is provided as a supplement to the Clanton Financial Disclosure Brochure (Form ADV 2A). This Wrap Fee Program Brochure is provided along with the complete Disclosure Brochure to provide full details of the business practices and fees when selecting Clanton Financial as your investment advisor.

As part of the investment advisory fees noted in Item 5 of the Disclosure Brochure, Clanton Financial includes, in addition to securities transaction fees, certain independent managers, custodial, and administrative fees (herein "Covered Costs") as part of the overall investment advisory fee. Securities regulations often refer to this combined fee structure as a "Wrap Fee Program". The Advisor's recommended Custodian does not charge securities transaction fees for exchange-traded fund ("ETF") and equity trades in Client accounts, but typically charges for mutual funds and other types of investments. The Advisor sponsors the Clanton Financial Wrap Fee Program.

The sole purpose of this Wrap Fee Program Brochure is to provide additional disclosure relating the combination of Covered Costs into a single "bundled" investment advisory fee. This Wrap Fee Program Brochure references back to the Clanton Financial Disclosure Brochure in which this Wrap Fee Program Brochure serves as an Appendix. Please see Item 4 – Advisory Services of the Disclosure Brochure for details on Clanton Financial's investment philosophy and related services.

#### **B. Program Costs**

Advisory services provided by Clanton Financial are offered in a wrap fee structure whereby Covered Costs are included in the overall investment advisory fee paid to Clanton Financial. As the level of activity in a Client's account[s] may vary from year to year, the annual cost to the Client may be more or less than engaging for advisory services where the Covered Costs are borne separately by the Client. The cost of the Wrap Fee Program varies depending on services to be provided to each Client, however, the Client is not charged more if there is higher trading activity or other Covered Costs. A Wrap Fee structure presents a conflict of interest as the Advisor is incentivized to limit the number of trades placed in the Client's account[s] or to utilize securities that do not have transaction fees. As noted above, the Advisor's recommended Custodian does not charge securities transaction fees for ETF and equity trades in Client accounts, but typically charges for mutual funds and other types of investments. As such, the Advisor is incentivized to utilize ETFs and other equity securities to limit the overall cost to the Advisor. The Advisor will only place Client assets into a Wrap Fee Program when it is believed to be in the Client's best interest. Please see Item 5 – Fees and Compensation of the Disclosure Brochure for complete details on fees.

#### C. Fees

#### **Investment Management Services**

Investment advisory fees are paid monthly in advance of each month, pursuant to the terms of the investment advisory agreement. Investment advisory fees are based on the market value of assets under management at the end of the prior month. Investment advisory fees are based on the following blended tier schedule:

Assets Under Management (\$)	Annual Rate (%)
Up to \$100,000	1.50%
\$100,001 to \$500,000	1.00%
\$500,001 to \$3,000,000	0.80%
\$3,000,001 to \$10,000,000	0.70%
\$10,000,001 to \$25,000,000	Negotiable

The investment advisory fee in the first month of service is prorated from the inception date of the account[s] to the end of the first month. Fees may be negotiable at the sole discretion of the Advisor. The Client's fees will take into consideration the aggregate assets under management with the Advisor. All securities held in accounts managed by Clanton Financial will be independently valued by the Custodian. The Advisor will conduct periodic reviews of the Custodian's valuation to ensure accurate billing.

The Advisor's fee includes any applicable securities transaction and custody fees, and other related costs and expenses described in Item 5.C below, which may be incurred by the Client. However, the Advisor shall not receive any portion of these commissions, fees, and costs.

Investment advisory fees are calculated by the Advisor and deducted from the Client's account[s] at the Custodian. The Advisor shall send an invoice to the Custodian indicating the amount of the fees to be deducted from the Client's account[s] at the beginning of the respective month. The amount due is calculated by applying the monthly rate (annual rate divided by 12) to the total assets under management with Clanton Financial at the end of the prior month. Clients will be provided with a statement, at least quarterly, from the Custodian reflecting deduction of the investment advisory fee. In addition, the Advisor will provide the Client a report itemizing the fee, including the calculation period covered by the fee, the account value and the methodology used to calculate the fee. Clients are urged to also review and compare the statement provided by the Advisor to the brokerage statement from the Custodian, as the Custodian does not perform a verification of fees. Clients provide written authorization permitting advisory fees to be deducted by Clanton Financial to be paid directly from their account[s] held by the Custodian as part of the investment advisory agreement and separate account forms provided by the Custodian.

#### Use of Independent Managers

As noted in Item 4, the Advisor may implement all or a portion of a Client's investment portfolio utilizing one or more Independent Managers. Prior to recommending the Independent Manager to the Client, the Advisor will ensure that each Independent Manager is properly licensed, notice filed, or exempted from registration as a firm (or in their individual capacity) in the jurisdiction where the Client resides. To eliminate any conflict of interest, the Advisor does not earn any compensation from an Independent Manager. The Advisor will only earn its investment advisory fee as described above. Independent Managers typically do not offer any fee discounts but may have a breakpoint schedule which will reduce the fee with an increased level of assets placed under management with an Independent Manager. The terms of such fee arrangements are included in the Independent Manager's disclosure brochure and applicable contract[s] with the Independent Manager. The total blended fee, including the Advisor's fee and the Independent Manager, the Advisor and the Independent Manager will each assume the responsibility for calculating and deducting their respective fees from the Client's account[s].

#### Retirement Plan Advisory Services

Retirement plan advisory fees are charged an annual asset-based fee of up to 1.50%. Fees may be billed monthly or quarterly ("Billing Period") in advance or arrears pursuant to the terms of the retirement plan advisory agreement. Retirement plan fees are based on the market value of assets under management at the end of the Billing Period. Fees may be negotiable depending on the size and complexity of the Plan but shall not exceed the fee range stated above. Retirement plan advisory fees may be directly invoiced to the Plan Sponsor or deducted from the assets of the Plan, depending on the terms of the retirement plan advisory agreement.

In addition, all fees paid to Clanton Financial for investment advisory services or part of the Wrap Fee Program are separate and distinct from the expenses charged by mutual funds and exchange-traded funds to their shareholders, if applicable. These fees and expenses are described in each fund's prospectus. These fees and expenses will generally be used to pay management fees for the funds, other fund expenses, account administration (e.g., custody, brokerage and account reporting), and a possible distribution fee. Securities transaction fees for Client-directed trades may be charged back to the Client. In connection with the discretionary investment management services provided by Clanton Financial, the Client will incur other costs assessed by the Custodian or other third parties, other than the Covered Costs noted above, such as [wire transfer fees, fees for trades executed away from the Custodian and other fees]. The Advisor does not control nor share in these fees. The Client should review both the fees charged by the fund[s] and the fees charged by Clanton Financial to fully understand the total fees to be paid. Please see Item 5.C. – Other Fees and Expenses in the Disclosure Brochure (included with this Wrap Fee Program Brochure).

#### D. Compensation

Clanton Financial is the sponsor and portfolio manager of this Wrap Fee Program. Clanton Financial receives investment advisory fees paid by Clients for participating in the Wrap Fee Program and pays the Covered Costs associated with the management of the Client's account[s].

#### Item 5 – Account Requirements and Types of Clients

Clanton Financial offers investment advisory services to individuals, high net worth individuals, and retirement plans. Clanton Financial generally does not impose a minimum account size for establishing a relationship. Please see Item 7 – Types of Clients in the Disclosure Brochure for additional information.

#### Item 6 – Portfolio Manager Selection and Evaluation

#### **Portfolio Manager Selection**

Clanton Financial serves as sponsor and as portfolio manager for the services under this Wrap Fee Program.

#### **Related Persons**

Clanton Financial personnel serve as portfolio managers for this Wrap Fee Program.

#### **Performance-Based Fees**

Clanton Financial does not charge performance-based fees for its investment advisory services. The fees charged by Clanton Financial are as described in Item 5 above and <u>are not</u> based upon the capital appreciation of the funds or securities held by any Client.

Clanton Financial does not manage any proprietary investment funds or limited partnerships (for example, a mutual fund or a hedge fund) and has no financial incentive to recommend any particular investment options to its Clients.

#### **Supervised Persons**

Clanton Financial Advisory Persons serve as portfolio managers for all accounts, including the services described in this Wrap Fee Program Brochure. Details of the advisory services provided are included in Item 4.A. of the Disclosure Brochure.

#### **Methods of Analysis**

Please see Item 8 of the Disclosure Brochure (included with this Wrap Fee Program Brochure) for details on the research and analysis methods employed by the Advisor.

#### **Risk of Loss**

Investing in securities involves certain investment risks. Securities may fluctuate in value or lose value. Clients should be prepared to bear the potential risk of loss. Clanton Financial will assist Clients in determining an appropriate strategy based on their tolerance for risk and other factors noted above. However, there is no guarantee that a Client will meet their investment goals.

While the methods of analysis help the Advisor in evaluating a potential investment, it does not guarantee that the investment will increase in value. Assets meeting the investment criteria utilized in these methods of analysis may lose value and may have negative investment performance. The Advisor monitors these economic indicators to determine if adjustments to strategic allocations are appropriate. More details on the Advisor's review process are included below in Item 13 – Review of Accounts.

Each Client engagement will entail a review of the Client's investment goals, financial situation, time horizon, tolerance for risk and other factors to develop an appropriate strategy for managing a Client's account. Client participation in this process, including full and accurate disclosure of requested information, is essential for the analysis of a Client's account[s]. The Advisor shall rely on the financial and other information provided by the Client or their designees without the duty or obligation to validate the accuracy and completeness of the provided information. It is the responsibility of the Client to inform the Advisor of any changes in financial condition, goals or other factors that may affect this analysis.

The risks associated with a particular strategy are provided to each Client in advance of investing Client accounts. The Advisor will work with each Client to determine their tolerance for risk as part of the portfolio construction process. Following are some of the risks associated with the Advisor's investment strategies:

#### Market Risks

The value of a Client's holdings may fluctuate in response to events specific to companies or markets, as well as economic, political, or social events in the U.S. and abroad. This risk is linked to the performance of the overall financial markets.

#### **ETF Risks**

The performance of ETFs is subject to market risk, including the possible loss of principal. The price of the ETFs will fluctuate with the price of the underlying securities that make up the funds. In addition, ETFs have a trading risk based on the loss of cost efficiency if the ETFs are traded actively and a liquidity risk if the ETFs has a large bid-ask spread and low trading volume. The price of an ETF fluctuates based upon the market movements and may dissociate from the index being tracked by the ETF or the price of the underlying investments. An ETF purchased or sold at one point in the day may have a different price than the same ETF purchased or sold a short time later.

#### Bond Risks

Bonds are subject to specific risks, including the following: (1) interest rate risks, i.e. the risk that bond prices will fall if interest rates rise, and vice versa, the risk depends on two things, the bond's time to maturity, and the coupon rate of the bond. (2) reinvestment risk, i.e. the risk that any profit gained must be reinvested at a lower rate than was previously being earned, (3) inflation risk, i.e. the risk that the cost of living and inflation increase at a rate that exceeds the income investment thereby decreasing the investor's rate of return, (4) credit default risk, i.e. the risk associated with purchasing a debt instrument which includes the possibility of the company defaulting on its repayment obligation, (5) rating downgrades, i.e. the risk associated with a rating agency's downgrade of the company's rating which impacts the investor's confidence in the company's ability to repay its debt and (6) Liquidity Risks, i.e. the risk that a bond may not be sold as quickly as there is no readily available market for the bond.

#### Mutual Fund Risks

The performance of mutual funds is subject to market risk, including the possible loss of principal. The price of the mutual funds will fluctuate with the value of the underlying securities that make up the funds. The price of a mutual fund is typically set daily therefore a mutual fund purchased at one point in the day will typically have the same price as a mutual fund purchased later that same day.

Past performance is not a guarantee of future returns. Investing in securities and other investments involve a risk of loss that each Client should understand and be willing to bear. Clients are reminded to discuss these risks with the Advisor.

#### **Proxy Voting**

Clanton Financial does not accept proxy-voting responsibility for any Client. Clients will receive proxy statements directly from the Custodian. The Advisor will assist in answering questions relating to proxies, however, the Client retains the sole responsibility for proxy decisions and voting.

#### Item 7 - Client Information Provided to Portfolio Managers

Clanton Financial is the sponsor and sole portfolio manager for the Program. The Advisor does not share Client information with other portfolio managers because it is the sole portfolio manager for this Wrap Fee Program. Please also see the Clanton Financial Privacy Policy (included after this Wrap Fee Program Brochure).

#### Item 8 - Client Contact with Portfolio Managers

Clanton Financial is a full-service investment management advisory firm. Clients always have direct access to the Portfolio Managers at Clanton Financial.

#### Item 9 - Additional Information

A. Disciplinary Information and Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

There are no legal, regulatory or disciplinary events involving Clanton Financial or its owner. Neither the Advisor nor its owner have been subject to any criminal or civil actions, administrative proceedings, or self-regulatory organization (SRO) proceedings. Clanton Financial values the trust Clients place in the Advisor. The

Advisor encourages Clients to perform the requisite due diligence on any advisor or service provider that the Client engages. The backgrounds of the Advisor or Advisory Persons are available on the Investment Adviser Public Disclosure website at <a href="https://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov">www.adviserinfo.sec.gov</a> by searching with the Advisor's firm name or CRD# 333591.

Please see Item 9 of the Clanton Financial Disclosure Brochure as well as Item 3 of each Advisory Person's Brochure Supplement (included with this Wrap Fee Program Brochure) for additional information on how to research the background of the Advisor and its Advisory Persons.

#### Other Financial Activities and Affiliations

Please see Item 10 – Other Financial Activities and Affiliation and Item 14 – Client Referrals and Other Compensation of the Form ADV Part 2A – Disclosure Brochure (included with this Wrap Fee Program Brochure).

#### B. Code of Ethics, Review of Accounts, Client Referrals, and Financial Information

Clanton Financial has implemented a Code of Ethics that defines the Advisor's fiduciary commitment to each Client. This Code of Ethics applies to all persons subject to Clanton Financial's compliance program (our "Supervised Persons"). Complete details on the Clanton Financial Code of Ethics can be found under Item 11 – Code of Ethics, Participation in Client Transactions and Personal Trading in the Disclosure Brochure (included with this Wrap Fee Program Brochure).

#### **Review of Accounts**

Client accounts are monitored on a regular and continuous basis by Advisory Persons of Clanton Financial under the supervision of the Chief Compliance Officer ("CCO"). Details of the review policies and practices are provided in Item 13 of the Form ADV Part 2A – Disclosure Brochure.

#### Other Compensation

The Advisor has established an institutional relationship with Altruist to assist the Advisor in managing Client account[s]. The Advisor receives access to software and related support because the Advisor renders investment management services to Clients that maintain assets at Altruist The software and related systems support may benefit the Advisor, but not its Clients directly. In fulfilling its duties to its Clients, the Advisor endeavors at all times to put the interests of its Clients first. Clients should be aware, however, that the receipt of economic benefits from a Custodian creates a potential conflict of interest since these benefits may influence the Advisor's recommendation of this Custodian over one that does not furnish similar software, systems support, or services.

Item 14 – Other Compensation in the Form ADV Part 2A – Disclosure Brochure (included with this Wrap Fee Program Brochure) for details on additional compensation that may be received by Clanton Financial or its Advisory Persons. Each Advisory Person's Brochure Supplement (also included with this Wrap Fee Program Brochure) provides details on any outside business activities and the associated compensation.

#### Client Referrals from Solicitors

The Advisor does not compensate, either directly or indirectly, any persons who are not supervised persons, for Client referrals.

#### Financial Information

Neither Clanton Financial, nor its management, have any adverse financial situations that would reasonably impair the ability of Clanton Financial to meet all obligations to its Clients. Neither Clanton Financial, nor any of its Advisory Persons, have been subject to a bankruptcy or financial compromise. Clanton Financial is not required to deliver a balance sheet along with this Disclosure Brochure as the Advisor <u>does not</u> collect advance fees of \$500 or more for services to be performed six months or more in the future.

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#### A. Educational Background and Business Experience of Principal Officer

The Principal Officer of Clanton Financial is Britt E. Clanton, CRPC<sup>®</sup>. Information regarding the formal education and background of Mr. Clanton is included in the Form ADV 2B – Brochure Supplement below.

#### **B. Other Business Activities of Principal Officer**

#### **Insurance Agency Affiliations**

Mr. Clanton is a licensed insurance professional. Implementations of insurance recommendations are separate and apart from Mr. Clanton's role with Clanton Financial. As an insurance professional, Mr. Clanton will receive customary commissions and other related revenues from the various insurance companies whose products are sold. Mr. Clanton is not required to offer the products of any particular insurance company. Commissions generated by insurance sales do not offset regular advisory fees. This practice presents a conflict of interest in recommending certain products of the insurance companies. Clients are under no obligation to implement any recommendations made by Mr. Clanton or the Advisor.

#### Visibility Innovations

Mr. Clanton is the Chief Financial Officer of Visibility Innovations. In this capacity, Mr. Clanton provides financial consulting to an electrical engineering company. Mr. Clanton's duties include working with the company's leadership team to effectively develop budget proposals, provide access to project finance information, and ensure contract/grant compliance and reporting.

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Clanton Financial does not charge performance-based fees for its investment advisory services. The fees charged by Clanton Financial are as described in Item 5 – Fees and Compensation above and <u>are not</u> based upon the capital appreciation of the funds or securities held by any Client.

#### D. Disciplinary Information

There are no legal, regulatory or disciplinary events involving Clanton Financial or its owner. Neither the Advisor nor its owner have been subject to any criminal or civil actions, administrative proceedings, or self-regulatory organization (SRO) proceedings. Neither Clanton Financial nor Mr. Clanton have ever been involved in any regulatory or civil action. There have been no client complaints, lawsuits, arbitration claims or administrative proceedings against Clanton Financial or Mr. Clanton.

Securities laws require an advisor to disclose any instances where the advisor or its advisory persons have been found liable in a legal, regulatory, civil or arbitration matter that alleges violation of securities and other statutes; fraud; false statements or omissions; theft, embezzlement or wrongful taking of property; bribery, forgery, counterfeiting, or extortion; and/or dishonest, unfair or unethical practices. As previously noted, there are no legal, civil or disciplinary events to disclose regarding Clanton Financial or Mr. Clanton.

#### E. Material Relationships with Issuers of Securities

Neither Clanton Financial nor Mr. Clanton have any relationships or arrangements with issuers of securities.

### Form ADV Part 2B - Brochure Supplement

for

Britt E. Clanton, CRPC®
Owner and Chief Compliance Officer

Effective: January 30, 2025

This Form ADV 2B ("Brochure Supplement") provides information about the background and qualifications of Britt E. Clanton, CRPC® (CRD# 4781318) in addition to the information contained in the Clanton Financial Partners, LLC ("Clanton Financial" or the "Advisor", CRD# 333591) Disclosure Brochure. If you have not received a copy of the Disclosure Brochure or if you have any questions about the contents of the Clanton Financial Disclosure Brochure or this Brochure Supplement, please contact us at 651-587-8255.

Additional information about Mr. Clanton is available on the SEC's Investment Adviser Public Disclosure website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov by searching with his full name or his Individual CRD# 4781318.

#### Item 2 - Educational Background and Business Experience

Britt E. Clanton, CRPC®, born in 1981, is dedicated to advising Clients of Clanton Financial as the Owner and Chief Compliance Officer. Mr. Clanton earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from Gustavus Adolphus College in 2004. Additional information regarding Mr. Clanton's employment history is included below.

**Employment History:** 

Owner and Chief Compliance Officer,	12/2024 to Present
Clanton Financial Partners, LLC	12/2024 to Present
Investment Advisor Representative / Registered Representative,	02/2021 to 12/2024
MML Investors Services, LLC	02/2021 to 12/2024
Registered Representative,	01/2014 to 02/2021
Transamerica Investors Securities Corporation	01/2014 t0 02/2021
Investment Advisor Representative,	01/2014 to 02/2021
Transamerica Retirement Advisors, LLC	01/2014 to 02/2021

#### Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor™ ("CRPC®")

Individuals who hold the CRPC® designation have completed a course of study encompassing pre-and post-retirement needs, asset management, estate planning, and the entire retirement planning process using models and techniques from real client situations. Additionally, individuals must pass an end-of-course examination that tests their ability to synthesize complex concepts and apply theoretical concepts to real-life situations. All designees have agreed to adhere to Standards of Professional Conduct and are subject to a disciplinary process. Designees renew their designation every two-years by completing 16 hours of continuing education, reaffirming adherence to the Standards of Professional Conduct, and complying with self-disclosure requirements.

#### **Item 3 – Disciplinary Information**

There are no legal, civil or disciplinary events to disclose regarding Mr. Clanton. Mr. Clanton has never been involved in any regulatory, civil or criminal action. There have been no client complaints, lawsuits, arbitration claims or administrative proceedings against Mr. Clanton. Mr. Clanton has never been subject to any revocations or suspensions.

Securities laws require an advisor to disclose any instances where the advisor or its advisory persons have been found liable in a legal, regulatory, civil or arbitration matter that alleges violation of securities and other statutes; fraud; false statements or omissions; theft, embezzlement or wrongful taking of property; bribery, forgery, counterfeiting, or extortion; and/or dishonest, unfair or unethical practices. As previously noted, there are no legal, civil or disciplinary events to disclose regarding Mr. Clanton.

However, we do encourage you to independently view the background of Mr. Clanton on the Investment Adviser Public Disclosure website at <a href="https://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov">www.adviserinfo.sec.gov</a> by searching with his full name or his Individual CRD# 4781318.

#### Item 4 - Other Business Activities

#### Insurance Agency Affiliations

Mr. Clanton is a licensed insurance professional. Implementations of insurance recommendations are separate and apart from Mr. Clanton's role with Clanton Financial. As an insurance professional, Mr. Clanton will receive customary commissions and other related revenues from the various insurance companies whose products are sold. Mr. Clanton is not required to offer the products of any particular insurance company. Commissions generated by insurance sales do not offset regular advisory fees. This practice presents a conflict of interest in recommending certain products of the insurance companies. Clients are under no obligation to implement any recommendations made by Mr. Clanton or the Advisor. Mr. Clanton spends approximately 10% of his time per month in this capacity.

#### Visibility Innovations

Mr. Clanton is the Chief Financial Officer of Visibility Innovations. In this capacity, Mr. Clanton provides financial consulting to an electrical engineering company. Mr. Clanton's duties include working with the company's leadership team to effectively develop budget proposals, provide access to project finance information, and ensure contract/grant compliance and reporting. Mr. Clanton spends approximately 10% of his time per month in this capacity.

#### Item 5 – Additional Compensation

Mr. Clanton has additional business activities where compensation is received that are detailed in Item 4 above. Mr. Clanton does not earn economic benefits (sales awards and other prizes) from any third party for providing investment advisory services to clients of the Advisor.

#### Item 6 - Supervision

Mr. Clanton serves as the Owner and Chief Compliance Officer of Clanton Financial. Mr. Clanton can be reached at 651-587-8255.

Clanton Financial has implemented a Code of Ethics, an internal compliance document that guides each Supervised Person in meeting their fiduciary obligations to Clients of Clanton Financial. Further, Clanton Financial is subject to regulatory oversight by various agencies. These agencies require registration by Clanton Financial and its Supervised Persons. As a registered entity, Clanton Financial is subject to examinations by regulators, which may be announced or unannounced. Clanton Financial is required to periodically update the information provided to these agencies and to provide various reports regarding the business activities and assets of the Advisor.

#### Item 7 - Requirements for State Registered Advisors

#### A. Arbitrations and Regulatory Proceedings

State regulations require disclosure if any Supervised Person of the Advisor is subject to:

- 1. An award or otherwise being found liable in an arbitration claim alleging damages in excess of \$2,500, involving any of the following:
  - a. an investment or an investment-related business or activity;
  - b. fraud, false statement(s), or omissions;
  - c. theft, embezzlement, or other wrongful taking of property;
  - d. bribery, forgery, counterfeiting, or extortion; or
  - e. dishonest, unfair, or unethical practices.
- 2. An award or otherwise being found liable in a civil, self-regulatory organization, or administrative proceeding involving any of the following:
  - a. an investment or an investment-related business or activity;
  - b. fraud, false statement(s), or omissions:
  - c. theft, embezzlement, or other wrongful taking of property;
  - d. bribery, forgery, counterfeiting, or extortion; or
  - e. dishonest, unfair, or unethical practices.
- Mr. Clanton does not have any disclosures to make regarding this Item.

#### B. Bankruptcy

If a Supervised Person has been the subject of a bankruptcy petition, that fact and the details must be disclosed.

Mr. Clanton does not have any disclosures to make regarding this Item.

#### **Privacy Policy**

Effective: January 30, 2025

#### **Our Commitment to You**

Clanton Financial Partners, LLC ("Clanton Financial" or the "Advisor") is committed to safeguarding the use of personal information of our Clients (also referred to as "you" and "your") that we obtain as your Investment Advisor, as described here in our Privacy Policy ("Policy").

Our relationship with you is our most important asset. We understand that you have entrusted us with your private information, and we do everything that we can to maintain that trust. Clanton Financial (also referred to as "we", "our" and "us") protects the security and confidentiality of the personal information we have and implements controls to ensure that such information is used for proper business purposes in connection with the management or servicing of our relationship with you.

Clanton Financial does not sell your non-public personal information to anyone. Nor do we provide such information to others except for discrete and reasonable business purposes in connection with the servicing and management of our relationship with you, as discussed below.

Details of our approach to privacy and how your personal non-public information is collected and used are set forth in this Policy.

#### Why you need to know?

Registered Investment Advisors ("RIAs") must share some of your personal information in the course of servicing your account. Federal and State laws give you the right to limit some of this sharing and require RIAs to disclose how we collect, share, and protect your personal information.

#### What information do we collect from you?

Driver's license number	Date of birth
Social security or taxpayer identification number	Assets and liabilities
Name, address and phone number[s]	Income and expenses
E-mail address[es]	Investment activity
Account information (including other institutions)	Investment experience and goals

#### What Information do we collect from other sources?

Custody, brokerage and advisory agreements	Account applications and forms
Other advisory agreements and legal documents	Investment questionnaires and suitability documents
Transactional information with us or others	Other information needed to service account

#### How do we protect your information?

To safeguard your personal information from unauthorized access and use we maintain physical, procedural and electronic security measures. These include such safeguards as secure passwords, encrypted file storage and a secure office environment. Our technology vendors provide security and access control over personal information and have policies over the transmission of data. Our associates are trained on their responsibilities to protect Client's personal information.

We require third parties that assist in providing our services to you to protect the personal information they receive from us.

#### How do we share your information?

An RIA shares Client personal information to effectively implement its services. In the section below, we list some reasons we may share your personal information.

Basis For Sharing	Do we share?	Can you limit?
Servicing our Clients We may share non-public personal information with non-affiliated third parties (such as administrators, brokers, custodians, regulators, credit agencies, other financial institutions) as necessary for us to provide agreed upon services to you, consistent with applicable law, including but not limited to: processing transactions; general account maintenance; responding to regulators or legal investigations; and credit reporting.	Yes	No
Marketing Purposes Clanton Financial does not disclose, and does not intend to disclose, personal information with non-affiliated third parties to offer you services. Certain laws may give us the right to share your personal information with financial institutions where you are a customer and where Clanton Financial or the client has a formal agreement with the financial institution. We will only share information for purposes of servicing your accounts, not for marketing purposes.	No	Not Shared
Authorized Users Your non-public personal information may be disclosed to you and persons that we believe to be your authorized agent[s] or representative[s].	Yes	Yes
Information About Former Clients Clanton Financial does not disclose and does not intend to disclose, non-public personal information to non-affiliated third parties with respect to persons who are no longer our Clients.	No	Not Shared

#### State-specific Regulations

California

In response to a California law, to be conservative, we assume accounts with California addresses do not want us to disclose personal information about you to non-affiliated third parties, except as permitted by California law. We also limit the sharing of personal information about you with our affiliates to ensure compliance with California privacy laws.

#### **Changes to our Privacy Policy**

We will send you a copy of this Policy annually for as long as you maintain an ongoing relationship with us.

Periodically we may revise this Policy and will provide you with a revised Policy if the changes materially alter the previous Privacy Policy. We will not, however, revise our Privacy Policy to permit the sharing of non-public personal information other than as described in this notice unless we first notify you and provide you with an opportunity to prevent the information sharing.

#### Any Questions?

You may ask questions or voice any concerns, as well as obtain a copy of our current Privacy Policy by contacting us at 651-587-8255.