**Dividend Checklist**

* Does the stock have a long history of dividend payments?
* Does the dividend consistently increase?
* Does the business have low debt?
* Does the business have positive cash flow?
* Is the stock price affordable, but not too low?
* Does the stock have a strong dividend yield?
* Can the business survive and pay the dividend during a downturn?
* Does the business pay qualified or ordinary dividends?
* Does the stock fit into your portfolio strategy?