

## Cornerstone Wealth Advisors, Inc.

### PRIVACY NOTICE REGARDING CLIENT PRIVACY AS REQUIRED BY REGULATION S-P & REGULATION S-AM

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**Maintaining the trust and confidence of our clients is a high priority. That is why we want you to understand how we protect your privacy when we collect and use information about you, and the steps that we take to safeguard that information. This notice is provided to you by Cornerstone Wealth Advisors, Inc.**

**Information We Collect:** In connection with providing investment products, financial advice, or other services, we obtain non-public personal information about you, including:

- Information we receive such as your address, date of birth, Social Security Number, occupation, financial goals, assets. Liabilities and income; and
- Information about your transactions with us, our affiliates, or others.

**Categories of Information We Disclose:** We may only disclose information that we collect in accordance with this policy. Cornerstone Wealth Advisors, Inc. does not sell customer lists and will not sell your name to telemarketers.

**Categories of Parties to Whom We Disclose:** We will not disclose information regarding you or your account with us, except under the following circumstances:

- To entities that perform services for us or function on our behalf, such as investment custodians, clearing broker-dealers and portfolio reporting firms;
- To your attorney, accountant, trustee or anyone else who represents you in a fiduciary capacity and whom you also expressly authorize;
- To our attorneys, accountants or auditors; and
- To government entities or other third parties in response to subpoenas or other legal process as required by law or to comply with regulatory inquiries.

**How We Use Information:** Information may be used among companies that perform support services for us, such as data processors, technical systems consultants and programmers for a number of purposes, such as:

- **To protect your accounts** from unauthorized access or identity theft;
- **To process your requests**, such as securities purchases and sales;
- **To establish or maintain an account with an unaffiliated third party**, such as a clearing broker-dealer who provides services to you and/or Cornerstone Wealth Advisors, Inc.;
- **To service your accounts**, such as by issuing checks and account statements;
- **To comply** with Federal, State, and Self-Regulatory Organization requirements;
- **To keep you informed** of financial advice and/or services of interest to you.

**Regulation S-AM:** Under Regulation S-AM, a registered investment adviser is prohibited from using eligibility information that it receives from an affiliate to make a marketing solicitation unless: (1) the potential marketing use of that information has been clearly, conspicuously and concisely disclosed to the consumer; (2) the consumer has been provided a reasonable opportunity and a simple method to opt out of receiving the marketing solicitations; and (3) the consumer has not opted out. Cornerstone Wealth

Advisors, Inc. does not receive information regarding marketing eligibility from affiliates to make solicitations.

**Regulation S-ID:** Regulation S-ID requires our firm to have an Identity Theft Protection Program (ITPP) that controls reasonably foreseeable risks to customers or to the safety and soundness of our firm from identity theft. We have developed an ITPP to adequately identify and detect to prevent and mitigate identity theft.

**Our Security Policy:** We restrict access to nonpublic personal information about you to those individuals who need to know that information to provide products or services to you and perform their respective duties. We maintain physical, electronic, and procedural security measures to safeguard confidential client information.

**Closed or Inactive Accounts:** If you decide to close any account(s) or cease to be our client, our Privacy Policy will continue to apply to you.

**Complaint Notification:** Please direct complaints to: Jonathan Guyton at Cornerstone Wealth Advisors, Inc. in writing to 5201 Eden Avenue South – Suite 135, Edina, MN 55436 or via telephone at (952) 920-3900.

**Changes to This Privacy Policy:** If we make any substantial changes in the way we use or disseminate confidential information, we will notify you. If you have any questions concerning this Privacy Policy, please contact us at the aforementioned contact information.