

# Form CRS (Customer Relationship Summary)

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## **Relationships and Services – “What Investment Services and Advice Can You Provide Me?”**

Rochester Financial Services is a fee-only investment advisor which means that I do not sell any products nor do I receive any compensation that is contingent on the purchase of a financial product. The only fees I receive are payments from clients for advisory services provided. All investments used for clients are no-load (no commission) mutual funds. I specialize in active portfolio management, attempting to maximize portfolio performance while reducing portfolio risk. Comprehensive financial planning services are provided on an ongoing basis, along with monthly performance reporting. Each portfolio is tailored to the individual needs of the client based on their investment objectives and risk tolerance. These portfolios are managed on a **discretionary basis** (which means that the advisor is able to buy and sell investments in the client’s account without the client’s prior consent). The advisor is able to use any no-load mutual funds offered at a discount brokerage (e.g. Charles Schwab & Co.). The advisor has no investment amount minimums but does have a minimum annual fee of \$500. As of 12/31/24, \$309 million of client assets are under management. Currently, my clients are individuals and trust accounts for individuals. For more information about relationships and services, please see my **SEC Disclosure Form, ADV Part II**.

## **Conversation Starters**

*Given my financial situation, should I choose an investment advisory service? Why or why not?*

*How will you choose investments to recommend to me?*

*What is your relevant experience, including your licenses, education and other qualifications? What do these qualifications mean?*

**What Fees Will I Pay?** - For those clients receiving portfolio management services, they are invoiced at the beginning of each 6 month service period. Clients are mailed an invoice and can elect to either have their fee deducted from their account or pay me directly. The fee for management of no-load stock mutual funds is equal to 0.4% of the first \$250,000 under management, 0.3% of amounts between \$250,000 and \$1 million, 0.2% of amounts between \$1 million and \$3 million, and 0.1% for amounts over \$3 million. The fee for management of no-load bond mutual funds is one half the above amounts (the advisor only uses no-load mutual funds for client accounts, although individual stocks can be purchased and sold with the client’s request). It should be noted that the more assets in your account, the larger my fee will be (although the

lower the percentage). I therefore may have an incentive to encourage you to increase the assets in your account.

Included in these fees are comprehensive financial planning services which include estate planning, tax planning, retirement planning and any other financial planning services appropriate for each client. For those clients looking only for a one-time financial review, the fee is \$150 per hour. All fees charged by the advisor are negotiable.

In addition to the fees charged by me, note that all mutual funds in your investment account also have an annual expense ratio, which is a fee charged by mutual fund families to support the operation of the fund. Brokerage institutions can also charge fees on certain mutual fund transactions. Two examples are 1) short term trading fees – a \$50 fee can be assessed on certain mutual funds if sold within 90 days of their purchase, and 2) institutional fees – a \$20 fee charged for the purchase and sale of institutional mutual fund shares (shares with a lower annual expense ratios). For more information about fees, please see my **SEC Disclosure Form, ADV Part II**.

**Additional Information** – You will pay fees and costs whether you make or lose money on your investments. Fees and costs will reduce any amount of money you make on your investments over time. Please make sure you understand what fees and costs you are paying. Clients who terminate services prior to the end of a service period are entitled to a pro-rated refund of the unused portion of their fee.

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*Help me understand how these fees and costs might affect my investments. If I give you \$10,000 to invest, how much will go to fees and costs, and how much will be invested for me?*

*What are your legal obligations to me when acting as my investment advisor?*

*How else does your firm make money and what conflicts of interest do you have?*

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

**When I act as your investment adviser**, I have to act in your best interest and not put my interest ahead of yours. At the same time, the way I make money creates some conflicts with your interests. You should understand and ask me about these conflicts because they can affect the investment advice I provide you (for example, as previously mentioned, I may have an incentive to encourage you to increase the assets in your account).

**Conversation Starter - As a financial professional, do you have any disciplinary history? For what type of conduct?** No. You can visit [Investor.gov/CRS](http://Investor.gov/CRS) to research the disciplinary history of any financial professional.

**Who is my primary contact person? Is he or she a representative of an investment advisor or a broker-dealer? Who can I talk to if I have concerns about how this person is treating me?** Jeffrey Feldman is the sole employee and contact person of Rochester Financial Services.

Additional Information – To learn more about me and my firm, you can go to [investor.gov](http://investor.gov) or to my website, [RochesterFinancial.com](http://RochesterFinancial.com). You can also call me, Jeffrey Feldman, at 585-442-7580.