

Form ADV Part 2B Brochure Supplement

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Item 1 – Cover Page

This Brochure Supplement provides information about Marvin Lee Peplow that supplements the Forum Financial Management, LP ("Forum") Form ADV Part 2A ("Firm Brochure"). You should have received a copy of that Firm Brochure. Please contact us at (630) 873-8520 if you did not receive Forum's Firm Brochure or if you have any questions about the contents of this Brochure Supplement. You can also obtain a copy of the Firm Brochure at <u>www.forumfinancial.com</u>. The home office of Forum Financial Management, LP is located at 1900 South Highland Avenue, Suite 100, Lombard, IL 60148.

Additional information about Marvin Lee Peplow is available on the SEC's Investment Adviser Public Disclosure website at <u>www.adviserinfo.sec.gov</u>.

Item 2 – Educational Background and Business Experience

Full Legal Name: Marvin Lee Peplow Individual CRD #: 3181260 Born: 1961

Education Background:

• Illinois State University: Bachelor of Science (BS), Accounting – 1984

Business Experience:

- Peplow & Peplow PC: Manager 2/2022 to Present
- Peplow & Peplow LLC: President 1/2022 to Present
- Forum Financial Management, LP: Investment Adviser Representative – 12/2016 to Present
- Peplow & Peplow PC: President 1/1994 to 8/2022
- BlueSkies International LLC: Chief Executive Officer 9/2006 to 8/2015

Professional Designations, Certifications, & Exams:

- Certified Public Accountant (CPA), 2023
- Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (Series 65 Exam), 2016
- Uniform Combined State Law Exam (Series 66 Exam), 1999

Please refer to Appendix for definitions of the above.

Item 3 – Disciplinary Information

Marvin has no reportable legal or disciplinary history.

Item 4 – Other Business Activities

Marvin is the President of Peplow & Peplow LLC, an accounting firm. This activity accounts for approximately 75% of his time. Marvin receives additional compensation for this outside business activity. Clients of Peplow & Peplow LLC or Marvin in this business activity could also be clients of Forum Financial Management, LP. The compensation received by Marvin in this capacity is separate and apart from the fees clients pay Forum for advisory services. Clients should be aware that the receipt of additional compensation by Marvin in this outside business activity creates a conflict of interest. However, clients are under no obligation to purchase tax and accounting services through Marvin.

Please refer to "Item 10 – Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations" of Forum's Firm Brochure for

complete disclosure of the above referenced outside business activities.

Item 5 – Additional Compensation

Marvin receives additional compensation as a result of his other business activities disclosed in Item 4 above, but does not otherwise receive any economic benefit for investment advisory or investment-related services beyond his role at Forum. Please also refer to "Item 5 – Fees and Compensation" and "Item 14 – Client Referrals and Other Compensation" of Forum's Firm Brochure for additional disclosures on this topic.

Item 6 – Supervision

As a registered investment adviser, Forum administers and enforces a regulatory compliance program, reasonably designed to detect and prevent violations of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 and other applicable state and federal securities laws. Forum's compliance program is overseen by Forum's Chief Compliance Officer, Allison Tronnes, who delegates advisor supervision responsibilities among various advisor support personnel and teams.

Forum has a dedicated Advisor Support Team, and within that team is the primary point of contact for advisor supervision. Should a client or prospective client have any questions or concerns, please reach out to one of the following:

> Allison Tronnes Chief Compliance Officer (630) 873-8512 atronnes@forumfinancial.com

Nikki Hopson Advisor Development and Supervision (630) 376-4367 <u>nhopson@forumfinancial.com</u>

Appendix

Certified Public Accountant (CPA)

The Certified Public Accountant (CPA) is a professional designation for licensed accounting professionals. CPAs are licensed and regulated by their state Boards of Accountancy. While state laws and regulations vary, the education, experience, and testing requirements for licensure as a CPA generally include: a bachelor's degree

in business administration, finance, or accounting, in addition to having completed 150 hours of education; a minimum of two years of public accounting experience; and successful passage of the Uniform CPA Examination® ("CPA Exam"). The CPA Exam comprises four sections: auditing and attestation, business environment and concepts, financial accounting and reporting, and regulation.

In order to maintain a CPA designation, states generally require completion of continuing professional education (hourly requirements vary by state). Additionally, all American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) members must adhere to a rigorous Code of Professional Conduct, which requires that they act with integrity, objectivity, due care, competence, fully disclose any conflicts of interest (and obtain client consent if a conflict exists), maintain client confidentiality, disclose to the client any commission or referral fees, and serve the public interest when providing financial services. The vast majority of state boards of accountancy have adopted the AICPA's Code of Professional Conduct within their state accountancy laws or have created their own. For more information. refer to the AICPA website at: https://www.aicpa.org/home.

Uniform Combined State Law Exam (Series 66 Exam) The Uniform Combined State Law Exam (Series 66 exam) is a North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA) exam administered by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (FINRA). The exam consists of 100 scored questions. Candidates have 150 minutes to complete the exam. In order for a candidate to pass the Series 66 exam, the individual must correctly answer at least 73 of the 100 scored questions. For more information, refer to the NASAA website at: https://www.nasaa.org/exams/.

Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (Series 65 Exam)

The Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (Series 65 exam) is a North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA) exam administered by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (FINRA). The exam consists of 130 scored questions. Candidates have 180 minutes to complete the exam. In order for a candidate to pass the Series 65 exam, the individual must correctly answer at least 94 of the 130 scored questions. For more information, refer to the NASAA website at: https://www.nasaa.org/exams/.