

# Form ADV Part 2B Brochure Supplement

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## Item 1 - Cover Page

This Brochure Supplement provides information about Marie Elizabeth Stark 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 <a href="www.forumfinancial.com">www.forumfinancial.com</a>. The home office of Forum Financial Management, LP is located at 1900 South Highland Avenue, Suite 100, Lombard, IL 60148.

Additional information about Marie Elizabeth Stark is available on the SEC's Investment Adviser Public Disclosure website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

# Item 2 – Educational Background and Business Experience

Full Legal Name: Marie Elizabeth Stark

**Individual CRD #: 3277754** 

**Born:** 1965

#### **Education Background:**

 Sienna College: Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA), Accounting – 1987

## **Business Experience:**

- Stark & D'Aprile CPAs PC: President and Certified Public Accountant – 12/2022 to Present
- Forum Financial Management, LP: Partner 1/2021 to Present
- Forum Financial Management, LP: Investment Adviser Representative – 9/2016 to Present
- Stark & Basila CPAs PC: President and Certified Public Accountant – 11/2012 to 11/2022
- Purshe Kaplan Sterling Investments, Inc.: Registered Representative – 9/2016 to 10/2020
- Cetera Investment Advisers LLC: Investment Adviser Representative – 1/2000 to 8/2016
- Cetera Financial Specialists LLC: Registered Representative – 1/2000 to 8/2016

#### Professional Designations, Certifications, & Exams:

• Certified Public Accountant (CPA), 1989

Please refer to Appendix for definitions of the above.

## Item 3 - Disciplinary Information

Marie has no reportable legal or disciplinary history.

### Item 4 - Other Business Activities

Marie is the President of and a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) with Stark & D'Aprile CPAs PC, which accounts for approximately 40% of her time. She is also an independent insurance agent, which accounts for less than 10% of her time. Clients of Stark & D'Aprile CPAs PC or Marie in these capacities could also be clients of Forum Financial Management, LP. The compensation received by Marie in these outside business activities are separate and apart from the fees clients pay Forum for advisory services. Clients should be aware that the receipt of additional compensation by Marie in these outside business activities creates a conflict of interest. However, clients are under no obligation to purchase tax and

accounting services or insurance products through Marie. As a fiduciary, Marie has certain legal obligations, including the obligation to act in the clients' best interests.

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

Marie receives additional compensation as a result of her other business activities disclosed in Item 4 above but does not otherwise receive any economic benefit for investment advisory or investment-related services beyond her 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 nhopson@forumfinancial.com

## **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 https://www.aicpa.org/home.