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Form ADV Part 2A – Firm Brochure

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This Brochure provides information about the qualifications and business practices of Mullaney Financial & Tax, Inc., “MFT”. If you have any questions about the contents of this Brochure, please contact us at 703.863.5416. The information in this Brochure has not been approved or verified by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission or by any state securities authority.

Mullaney Financial & Tax, Inc. is registered as an Investment Adviser with the State of California. Registration of an Investment Adviser does not imply any level of skill or training.

Additional information about MFT is available on the SEC’s website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov which can be found using the firm’s identification number 299906.

Item 2: Material Changes

Since this is the first filing of the Form ADV Part 2A for MFT, there is nothing to report. In the future, any material changes made during the year will be reported here.

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Item 4: Advisory Business

Description of Advisory Firm

Mullaney Financial & Tax, Inc. is registered as an Investment Adviser with the State of California. We were founded on December 3, 2018. Sean W. Mullaney is the principal owner of MFT. As of December 2018, Mullaney Financial & Tax, Inc. manages \$0.00 on a discretionary or non-discretionary

Types of Advisory Services

Investment Management Services

We offer investment management services through use of Betterment, LLC (“Betterment”) for portfolio management services. We assist clients in selecting an appropriate allocation model, completing Betterment’s investor profile questionnaire, interacting with Betterment and reviewing Betterment. Additionally, we will meet with the client on a periodic basis to discuss changes in their personal or financial situation, suitability, and any new or revised restrictions to be applied to the account. Fees pertaining to this service are outlined in Item 5 of this brochure.

Financial Planning

Financial planning is a comprehensive evaluation of a client’s current and future financial state by using currently known variables to predict future cash flows, asset values and withdrawal plans. The key defining aspect of financial planning is that through the financial planning process, all questions, information and analysis will be considered as they impact and are impacted by the entire financial and life situation of the client. Clients purchasing this service will receive a written or an electronic report, providing the client with a detailed financial plan designed to achieve his or her stated financial goals and objectives.

The client always has the right to decide whether or not to act upon our recommendations. If the client elects to act on any of the recommendations, the client always has the right to affect the transactions through anyone of their choosing.

In general, the financial plan will address any or all of the following areas of concern. The client and advisor will work together to select the specific areas to cover. These areas may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **Business Planning:** We provide consulting services for clients who currently operate their own business, are considering starting a business, or are planning for an exit from their current business. Under this type of engagement, we work with you to assess your current situation, identify your objectives, and develop a plan aimed at achieving your goals.

- **Cash Flow and Debt Management:** We will conduct a review of your income and expenses to determine your current surplus or deficit along with advice on prioritizing how any surplus should be used or how to reduce expenses if they exceed your income. Advice may also be provided on which debts to pay off first based on factors such as the interest rate of the debt and any income tax ramifications. We may also recommend what we believe to be an appropriate cash reserve that should be considered for emergencies and other financial goals, along with a review of accounts (such as money market funds) for such reserves, plus strategies to save desired amounts.
- **College Savings:** Includes projecting the amount that will be needed to achieve college or other post-secondary education funding goals, along with advice on ways for you to save the desired amount. Recommendations as to savings strategies are included, and, if needed, we will review your financial picture as it relates to eligibility for financial aid or the best way to contribute to grandchildren (if appropriate).
- **Employee Benefits Optimization:** We will provide review and analysis as to whether you, as an employee, are taking the maximum advantage possible of your employee benefits. If you are a business owner, we will consider and/or recommend the various benefit programs that can be structured to meet both business and personal retirement goals.
- **Estate Planning:** This usually includes an analysis of your exposure to estate taxes and your current estate plan, which may include whether you have a will, powers of attorney, trusts and other related documents. Our advice also typically includes ways for you to minimize or avoid future estate taxes by implementing appropriate estate planning strategies such as the use of applicable trusts.

We always recommend that you consult with a qualified attorney when you initiate, update, or complete estate planning activities. We may provide you with contact information for attorneys who specialize in estate planning when you wish to hire an attorney for such purposes. From time-to-time, we will participate in meetings or phone calls between you and your attorney with your approval or request.

- **Financial Goals:** We will help clients identify financial goals and develop a plan to reach them. We will identify what you plan to accomplish, what resources you will need to make it happen, how much time you will need to reach the goal, and how much you should budget for your goal.
- **Insurance:** Review of existing policies to ensure proper coverage for life, health, disability, long-term care, liability, home and automobile.
- **Investment Analysis:** This may involve developing an asset allocation strategy to meet clients' financial goals and risk tolerance, providing information on investment vehicles and strategies, reviewing employee stock options, as well as assisting you in establishing your own investment account at a

selected broker/dealer or custodian. The strategies and types of investments we may recommend are further discussed in Item 8 of this brochure.

- **Retirement Planning:** Our retirement planning services typically include projections of your likelihood of achieving your financial goals, typically focusing on financial independence as the primary objective. For situations where projections show less than the desired results, we may make recommendations, including those that may impact the original projections by adjusting certain variables (e.g., working longer, saving more, spending less, taking more risk with investments).

If you are near retirement or already retired, advice may be given on appropriate distribution strategies to minimize the likelihood of running out of money or having to adversely alter spending during your retirement years.

- **Risk Management:** A risk management review includes an analysis of your exposure to major risks that could have a significantly adverse effect on your financial picture, such as premature death, disability, property and casualty losses, or the need for long-term care planning. Advice may be provided on ways to minimize such risks and about weighing the costs of purchasing insurance versus the benefits of doing so and, likewise, the potential cost of not purchasing insurance (“self-insuring”).
- **Tax Planning Strategies:** Advice may include ways to minimize current and future income taxes as a part of your overall financial planning picture. For example, we may make recommendations on which type of account(s) or specific investments should be owned based in part on their “tax efficiency,” with consideration that there is always a possibility of future changes to federal, state or local tax laws and rates that may affect your situation. MFT does offer individual and business tax consulting services as well as tax return preparation and offers to represent clients before the IRS and state taxing authorities. No client is obligated to use MFT for any accounting services. MFT’s accounting services do not include the authority to sign checks or otherwise disburse funds on any of our advisory client’s behalf.

Client Tailored Services and Client Imposed Restrictions

We offer the same suite of services to all of our clients. However, specific client financial plans and their implementation are dependent upon a client Investment Policy Statement, which outlines each client’s current situation (income, tax levels, and risk tolerance levels) and is used to construct a client specific plan to aid in the selection of a portfolio that matches restrictions, needs, and targets. Additionally, clients may impose reasonable restrictions on their accounts.

Wrap Fee Programs

We do not participate in wrap fee programs.

CCR Section 260.235.2 Disclosure

For clients who receive our Financial Planning services, we must state when a conflict exists between the interests of our firm and the interests of our client. The client is under no obligation to act upon our recommendation. If the client elects to act on any of the recommendations, the client is under no obligation to affect the transaction through our firm.

Item 5: Fees and Compensation

Please note, unless a client has received the firm's disclosure brochure at least 48 hours prior to signing the investment advisory contract, the investment advisory contract may be terminated by the client within five (5) business days of signing the contract without incurring any advisory fees and without penalty. How we are paid depends on the type of advisory service we are performing. Please review the fee and compensation information below.

Investment Management Services

Our standard advisory fee is a flat fee and based on the market value of the assets under management and is calculated as follows:

| Account Value | Annual Advisory Fee |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| \$0 - \$499,999 | 0.95% |
| \$500,000 - \$999,999 | 0.85% |
| \$1,000,000 and Above | 0.75% |

The annual fees are negotiable and are pro-rated and paid in arrears on a quarterly basis. Please note, the above fee schedule does not include Betterment's annual fee of 0.20%. Betterment will debit the client's account for the advisory fee and will remit MFT's fee to MFT. No increase in the annual fee shall be effective without agreement from the client by signing a new agreement or amendment to their current advisory agreement.

Accounts initiated or terminated during a calendar quarter will be charged a pro-rated fee based on the amount of time remaining in the billing period. An account may be terminated with written notice at least 15 calendar days in advance. Since fees are paid in arrears, no rebate will be needed upon termination of the account.

Financial Planning Fixed Fee

Financial Planning will generally be offered on a fixed fee basis. The fixed fee will be agreed upon before the start of any work. The fixed fee can range between \$1,500.00 and \$3,500.00. The fee is negotiable. If a fixed fee program is chosen, \$250.00 is due at the beginning of process and the remainder is due at completion of work. In the event of early termination, the client will be billed for the hours worked at a rate of \$275.00 per hour. If the initial deposit is greater than the amount billed, then the client will be refunded the difference. If

the initial deposit is less, then the client will be billed the difference. Upon plan delivery, MFT can assist in its execution and monitor your progress. Should this additional service be requested, MFT will assess an ongoing monthly fee ranging from \$149.00 to \$499.00, which is paid in advance each month. We require the first month's fee to be paid upon engagement. Payment is made through a third-party payment processor such as Quickbooks Online (Intuit Payment Network), Venmo, and/or PayPal.

Fees for our planning services and ongoing support take into consideration factors such as the complexity of your financial profile; the time involved developing your plan and assisting you in its execution, assets that comprise your overall portfolio, as well as the number of individual accounts comprising the portfolio.

Financial Planning Hourly Fee

Financial Planning fee is an hourly rate of \$275.00 per hour. The fee may be negotiable in certain cases and is due at the completion of the engagement. In the event of early termination by client, any fees for the hours already worked will be due.

Other Types of Fees and Expenses

Our fees are exclusive of brokerage commissions, transaction fees, and other related costs and expenses that may be incurred by the client. Clients may incur certain charges imposed by custodians, brokers, and other third parties such as custodial fees, deferred sales charges, odd-lot differentials, transfer taxes, wire transfer and electronic fund fees, and other fees and taxes on brokerage accounts and securities transactions. Mutual fund and exchange traded funds also charge internal management fees, which are disclosed in a fund's prospectus. Such charges, fees and commissions are exclusive of and in addition to our fee, and we shall not receive any portion of these commissions, fees, and costs.

Item 12 further describes the factors that we consider in selecting or recommending broker-dealers for client's transactions and determining the reasonableness of their compensation (e.g., commissions).

We do not accept compensation for the sale of securities or other investment products including asset-based sales charges or service fees from the sale of mutual funds.

CCR Section 260.238(j) Disclosure

Please note, lower fees for comparable services may be available from other sources.

Item 6: Performance-Based Fees and Side-By-Side Management

We do not offer performance-based fees.

Item 7: Types of Clients

We provide financial planning and portfolio management services to individuals, high net-worth individuals and corporations or other businesses. We do not have a minimum account size requirement.

Item 8: Methods of Analysis, Investment Strategies and Risk of Loss

We refer clients to third-party investment advisers (“outside managers”). Our analysis of outside managers involves the examination of the experience, expertise, investment philosophies, and past performance of the outside managers in an attempt to determine if that manager has demonstrated an ability to invest over a period of time and in different economic conditions. We monitor the manager’s underlying holdings, strategies, concentrations and leverage as part of our overall periodic risk assessment. Additionally, as part of our due-diligence process, we survey the manager’s compliance and business enterprise risks. A risk of investing with an outside manager who has been successful in the past is that he/she may not be able to replicate that success in the future. In addition, as we do not control the underlying investments in an outside manager’s portfolio, there is also a risk that a manager may deviate from the stated investment mandate or strategy of the portfolio, making it a less suitable investment for our clients. Moreover, as we do not control the manager’s daily business and compliance operations, we may be unaware of the lack of internal controls necessary to prevent business, regulatory, or reputational deficiencies.

Passive Investment Management

We primarily practice passive investment management. Passive investing involves building portfolios that are comprised of various distinct asset classes. The asset classes are weighted in a manner to achieve a desired relationship between correlation, risk and return. Funds that passively capture the returns of the desired asset classes are placed in the portfolio. The funds that are used to build passive portfolios are typically index mutual funds or exchange traded funds.

Passive investment management is characterized by low portfolio expenses (i.e. the funds inside the portfolio have low internal costs), minimal trading costs (due to infrequent trading activity), and relative tax efficiency (because the funds inside the portfolio are tax efficient and turnover inside the portfolio is minimal).

In contrast, active management involves a single manager or managers who employ some method, strategy or technique to construct a portfolio that is intended to generate returns that are greater than the broader market or a designated benchmark.

Material Risks Involved

All investing strategies we offer involve risk and may result in a loss of your original investment which you should be prepared to bear. Many of these risks apply equally to stocks, bonds, commodities and any other investment or security. Material risks associated with our investment strategies are listed below.

Market Risk: Market risk involves the possibility that an investment's current market value will fall because of a general market decline, reducing the value of the investment regardless of the success of the issuer's operations or its financial condition.

Strategy Risk: The Adviser's investment strategies and/or investment techniques may not work as intended.

Small and Medium Cap Company Risk: Securities of companies with small and micro market capitalizations are often more volatile and less liquid than investments in larger companies. Small and medium cap companies may face a greater risk of business failure, which could increase the volatility of the client's portfolio.

Turnover Risk: At times, the strategy may have a portfolio turnover rate that is higher than other strategies. A high portfolio turnover would result in correspondingly greater brokerage commission expenses and may result in the distribution of additional capital gains for tax purposes. These factors may negatively affect the account's performance.

Limited markets: Certain securities may be less liquid (harder to sell or buy) and their prices may at times be more volatile than at other times. Under certain market conditions we may be unable to sell or liquidate investments at prices we consider reasonable or favorable or find buyers at any price.

Concentration Risk: Certain investment strategies focus on particular asset-classes, industries, sectors or types of investment. From time to time these strategies may be subject to greater risks of adverse developments in such areas of focus than a strategy that is more broadly diversified across a wider variety of investments.

Interest Rate Risk: Bond (fixed income) prices generally fall when interest rates rise, and the value may fall below par value or the principal investment. The opposite is also generally true: bond prices generally rise when interest rates fall. In general, fixed income securities with longer maturities are more sensitive to these price changes. Most other investments are also sensitive to the level and direction of interest rates.

Legal or Legislative Risk: Legislative changes or Court rulings may impact the value of investments, or the securities' claim on the issuer's assets and finances.

Inflation: Inflation may erode the buying-power of your investment portfolio, even if the dollar value of your investments remains the same.

Risks Associated with Securities

Apart from the general risks outlined above which apply to all types of investments, specific securities may have other risks.

Commercial Paper is, in most cases, an unsecured promissory note that is issued with a maturity of 270 days or less. Being unsecured the risk to the investor is that the issuer may default.

Common stocks may go up and down in price quite dramatically, and in the event of an issuer's bankruptcy or restructuring could lose all value. A slower-growth or recessionary economic environment could have an adverse effect on the price of all stocks.

Corporate Bonds are debt securities to borrow money. Generally, issuers pay investors periodic interest and repay the amount borrowed either periodically during the life of the security and/or at maturity. Alternatively, investors can purchase other debt securities, such as zero coupon bonds, which do not pay current interest, but rather are priced at a discount from their face values and their values accrete over time to face value at maturity. The market prices of debt securities fluctuate depending on such factors as interest rates, credit quality, and maturity. In general, market prices of debt securities decline when interest rates rise and increase when interest rates fall. The longer the time to a bond's maturity, the greater its interest rate risk.

Bank Obligations including bonds and certificates of deposit may be vulnerable to setbacks or panics in the banking industry. Banks and other financial institutions are greatly affected by interest rates and may be adversely affected by downturns in the U.S. and foreign economies or changes in banking regulations.

Municipal Bonds are debt obligations generally issued to obtain funds for various public purposes, including the construction of public facilities. Municipal bonds pay a lower rate of return than most other types of bonds. However, because of a municipal bond's tax-favored status, investors should compare the relative after-tax return to the after-tax return of other bonds, depending on the investor's tax bracket. Investing in municipal bonds carries the same general risks as investing in bonds in general. Those risks include interest rate risk, reinvestment risk, inflation risk, market risk, call or redemption risk, credit risk, and liquidity and valuation risk.

Options and other derivatives carry many unique risks, including time-sensitivity, and can result in the complete loss of principal. While covered call writing does provide a partial hedge to the stock against which the call is written, the hedge is limited to the amount of cash flow received when writing the option. When selling covered calls, there is a risk the underlying position may be called away at a price lower than the current market price.

Exchange Traded Funds prices may vary significantly from the Net Asset Value due to market conditions. Certain Exchange Traded Funds may not track underlying benchmarks as expected.

Investment Companies Risk. When a client invests in open end mutual funds or ETFs, the client indirectly bears its proportionate share of any fees and expenses payable directly by those funds. Therefore, the client will incur higher expenses, many of which may be duplicative. In addition, the client's overall portfolio may be affected by losses of an underlying fund and the level of risk arising from the investment practices of an underlying fund (such as the use of derivatives). ETFs are also subject to the following risks: (i) an ETF's shares may trade at a market price that is above or below their net asset value; (ii) the ETF may employ an investment strategy that utilizes high leverage ratios; or (iii) trading of an ETF's shares may be halted if the listing exchange's officials deem such action appropriate, the shares are de-listed from the exchange, or the activation of market-wide "circuit breakers" (which are tied to large decreases in stock prices) halts stock trading generally. The Adviser has no control over the risks taken by the underlying funds in which clients invest.

Item 9: Disciplinary Information

Criminal or Civil Actions

MFT and its management have not been involved in any criminal or civil action.

Administrative Enforcement Proceedings

MFT and its management have not been involved in administrative enforcement proceedings.

Self-Regulatory Organization Enforcement Proceedings

MFT and its management have not been involved in legal or disciplinary events that are material to a client's or prospective client's evaluation of MFT or the integrity of its management.

Item 10: Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

No MFT employee is registered, or has an application pending to register, as a broker-dealer or a registered representative of a broker-dealer.

No MFT employee is registered, or have an application pending to register, as a futures commission merchant, commodity pool operator or a commodity trading advisor.

MFT only receives compensation directly from clients. We do not receive compensation from any outside source. We do not have any conflicts of interest with any outside party.

MFT does offer individual and business tax consulting services as well as tax return preparation and offers to represent clients before the IRS and state taxing authorities, however MFT does not have signatory authority over any client accounts.

Recommendations or Selections of Other Investment Advisers

As referenced in Item 4 of this brochure, MFT recommends clients to Betterment to manage their accounts. Please note that we do not share in their advisory fee. Our fee is separate and in addition to their compensation (as noted in Item 5) and will be described to you prior to engagement. You are not obligated, contractually or otherwise, to use the services of Betterment. Additionally, MFT will only recommend an investment adviser who is properly licensed or registered as an investment adviser.

Disclosure of Material Conflicts

All material conflicts of interest under CCR Section 260.238(k) are disclosed regarding MFT, its representatives or any of its employees, which could be reasonably expected to impair the rendering of unbiased and objective advice.

Item 11: Code of Ethics, Participation or Interest in Client Transactions and Personal Trading

As a fiduciary, our firm and its associates have a duty of utmost good faith to act solely in the best interests of each client. Our clients entrust us with their funds and personal information, which in turn places a high standard on our conduct and integrity. Our fiduciary duty is a core aspect of our Code of Ethics and represents the expected basis of all of our dealings.

Code of Ethics Description

This code does not attempt to identify all possible conflicts of interest, and literal compliance with each of its specific provisions will not shield associated persons from liability for personal trading or other conduct that violates a fiduciary duty to advisory clients. A summary of the Code of Ethics' Principles is outlined below.

- Integrity - Associated persons shall offer and provide professional services with integrity.
- Objectivity - Associated persons shall be objective in providing professional services to clients.
- Competence - Associated persons shall provide services to clients competently and maintain the necessary knowledge and skill to continue to do so in those areas in which they are engaged.
- Fairness - Associated persons shall perform professional services in a manner that is fair and reasonable to clients, principals, partners, and employers, and shall disclose conflict(s) of interest in providing such services.
- Confidentiality - Associated persons shall not disclose confidential client information without the specific consent of the client unless in response to proper legal process, or as required by law.
- Professionalism - Associated persons' conduct in all matter shall reflect credit of the profession.
- Diligence - Associated persons shall act diligently in providing professional services.

We periodically review and amend our Code of Ethics to ensure that it remains current, and we require all firm access persons to attest to their understanding of and adherence to the Code of Ethics at least annually. Our firm will provide of copy of its Code of Ethics to any client or prospective client upon request.

Investment Recommendations Involving a Material Financial Interest and Conflicts of Interest

Neither our firm, its associates or any related person is authorized to recommend to a client, or effect a transaction for a client, involving any security in which our firm or a related person has a material financial interest, such as in the capacity as an underwriter, adviser to the issuer, etc.

Advisory Firm Purchase of Same Securities Recommended to Clients and Conflicts of Interest

Our firm and its “related persons” do not invest in the same securities, or related securities, e.g., warrants, options or futures, which we recommend to clients.

Trading Securities at/Around the Same Time as Client’s Securities

Because our firm and its “related persons” do not invest in the same securities, or related securities, e.g., warrants, options or futures, which we recommend to clients, we do not trade in securities at or around the same time as clients.

Item 12: Brokerage Practices

Factors Used to Select Custodians and/or Broker-Dealers

Mullaney Financial & Tax, Inc. does not have any affiliation with Broker-Dealers. Specific custodian recommendations are made to client based on their need for such services. We recommend custodians based on the reputation and services provided by the firm.

1. Research and Other Soft-Dollar Benefits

We currently do not receive soft dollar benefits.

2. Brokerage for Client Referrals

We receive no referrals from a broker-dealer or third party in exchange for using that broker-dealer or third party.

3. Clients Directing Which Broker/Dealer/Custodian to Use

We do recommend a specific custodian for clients to use, however, clients may custody their assets at a custodian of their choice. Clients may also direct us to use a specific broker-dealer to execute transactions. By allowing clients to choose a specific custodian, we may be unable to achieve most favorable execution of client transaction and this may cost clients’ money over using a lower-cost custodian.

The Custodian and Brokers We Use

MFT does not maintain custody of your assets that we manage, although we may be deemed to have custody of your assets if you give us authority to withdraw advisory fees from your account (see Item 15—Custody, below). Your assets must be maintained in an account at a “qualified custodian,” generally a broker-dealer or bank. We may recommend that our clients use MTG, LLC dba Betterment Securities (“Betterment Securities”), a registered broker-dealer, member SIPC, as the qualified custodian. We are independently owned and operated and are not affiliated with Betterment Securities. Betterment Securities will hold your assets in a brokerage account and buy and sell securities when we and/or you instruct them to. While we may recommend that you use Betterment Securities as custodian/broker, you will decide whether to do so and will open your account with Betterment Securities by entering into an account agreement directly with them. We do not open the account for you, although we may assist you in doing so. If you do not wish to place your

assets with Betterment Securities, then we cannot manage your account on Betterment Institutional (defined below).

Your Brokerage and Custody Costs

For our clients' accounts that Betterment Securities maintains, Betterment Securities generally does not charge you separately for custody services but is compensated as part of the Betterment Institutional (defined below) platform fee, which is a percentage of the dollar amount of assets in the account in lieu of commissions. We have determined that having Betterment Securities execute trades is consistent with our duty to seek "best execution" of your trades. Best execution means the most favorable terms for a transaction based on all relevant factors, including those listed above (see "Factors Used to Select Custodians and/or Broker-Dealers").

Services Available to Us via Betterment Institutional

Betterment Securities serves as broker dealer to Betterment Institutional, an investment and advice platform serving independent investment advisory firms like us ("Betterment Institutional"). Betterment Institutional also makes available various support services which may not be available to Betterment's retail customers. Some of those services help us manage or administer our clients' accounts, while others help us manage and grow our business. Betterment Institutional's support services are generally available on an unsolicited basis (we don't have to request them) and at no charge to us. Following is a more detailed description of Betterment Institutional's support services:

1. **SERVICES THAT BENEFIT YOU.** Betterment Institutional includes access to a range of investment products, execution of securities transactions, and custody of client assets through Betterment Securities. Betterment Securities' services described in this paragraph generally benefit you and your account.
2. **SERVICES THAT MAY NOT DIRECTLY BENEFIT YOU.** Betterment Institutional also makes available to us other products and services that benefit us but may not directly benefit you or your account. These products and services assist us in managing and administering our clients' accounts, such as software and technology that may:
 - a. Assist with back-office functions, recordkeeping, and client reporting of our clients' accounts.
 - b. Provide access to client account data (such as duplicate trade confirmations and account statements).
 - c. Provide pricing and other market data.
3. **SERVICES THAT GENERALLY BENEFIT ONLY US.** By using Betterment Institutional, we will be offered other services intended to help us manage and further develop our business enterprise. These services include:
 - a. Educational conferences and events.
 - b. Consulting on technology, compliance, legal, and business needs.
 - c. Publications and conferences on practice management and business succession.

Our Interest in Betterment Securities' Services

The availability of these services from Betterment Institutional benefits us because we do not have to produce or purchase them. In addition, we don't have to pay for Betterment Securities' services. These services may be contingent upon us committing a certain amount of business to Betterment Securities in assets in custody. We may have an incentive to recommend that you maintain your account with Betterment Securities, based on our interest in receiving Betterment Institutional and Betterment Securities' services that benefit our business rather than based on your interest in receiving the best value in custody services and the most favorable execution of your transactions. This is a potential conflict of interest. We believe, however, that our selection of Betterment Securities as custodian and broker is in the best interests of our clients. Our selection is primarily supported by the scope, quality, and price of Betterment Securities' services and not Betterment Institutional and Betterment Securities' services that benefit only us.

Aggregating (Block) Trading for Multiple Client Accounts

Outside Managers used by MFT may block client trades at their discretion. Their specific practices are further discussed in their ADV Part 2A, Item 12.

Item 13: Review of Accounts

Client accounts with the Investment Management Service will be reviewed regularly on a quarterly basis by Sean W. Mullaney, President and CCO. The account is reviewed with regards to the client's investment policies and risk tolerance levels. Events that may trigger a special review would be unusual performance, addition or deletions of client-imposed restrictions, excessive draw-down, volatility in performance, or buy and sell decisions from the firm or per client's needs.

For clients engaged in our financial planning service, Sean W. Mullaney, President and CCO, will work with clients to obtain current information regarding their assets and investment holdings and will review this information as part of our service.

Clients will receive trade confirmations from the broker(s) for each transaction in their accounts as well as monthly or quarterly statements and annual tax reporting statements from their custodian showing all activity in the accounts, such as receipt of dividends and interest.

MFT will provide written reports to investment management clients on a semi-annual basis. We urge clients to compare these reports against the account statements they receive from their custodian.

MFT will provide written financial plans to our financially planning clients.

Item 14: Client Referrals and Other Compensation

We do not receive any economic benefit, directly or indirectly from any third party for advice rendered to our clients. Nor do we directly or indirectly compensate any person who is not advisory personnel for client referrals.

We receive a non-economic benefit from Betterment Institutional and Betterment Securities in the form of the support products and services it makes available to us and other independent investment advisors whose clients maintain their accounts at Betterment Securities. These products and services, how they benefit us, and the related conflicts of interest are described above (see Item 12—Brokerage Practices). The availability to us of Betterment Institutional and Betterment Securities' products and services is not based on us giving particular investment advice, such as buying particular securities for our clients.

Item 15: Custody

MFT does not accept custody of client funds, however it is deemed to have limited custody solely with its ability to withdraw fees from clients' accounts. Clients should receive at least quarterly statements from the broker dealer, bank or other qualified custodian that holds and maintains client's investment assets. We urge you to carefully review such statements and compare such official custodial records to the account statements or reports that we may provide to you. Our statements or reports may vary from custodial statements based on accounting procedures, reporting dates, or valuation methodologies of certain securities.

For client account(s) in which MFT directly debits its advisory fee:

- i. MFT will send a copy of its invoice to the custodian at the same time that it sends the client a copy.
- ii. The custodian will send at least quarterly statements to the client showing all disbursements for the account(s), including the amount of the advisory fee.
- iii. The client will provide written authorization to MFT, permitting it to be paid directly from their account(s) held by the custodian.

Item 16: Investment Discretion

For those client accounts where we provide investment management services, we maintain discretion over client accounts with respect to securities to be bought and sold and the amount of securities to be bought and sold. Investment discretion is explained to clients in detail when an advisory relationship has commenced. At the start of the advisory relationship, the client will execute a Limited Power of Attorney, which will grant our firm discretion over the account. Additionally, the discretionary relationship will be outlined in the advisory

contract and signed by the client. Clients may impose reasonable restrictions on investing in certain securities, types of securities, or industry sectors.

Financial Planning Implementation Services

Should you ask us to assist you in any trade execution (including account rebalancing), it will only be done with your selected service provider and on a *non-discretionary basis*, requiring your prior approval for each transaction with regard to the investment and reinvestment of account assets, or for our firm to give instructions to the custodian maintaining your account.

Please note that in light of the requirement for your pre-approval you must make yourself available and keep us updated on your contact information so that instructions can be efficiently affected on your behalf.

Item 17: Voting Client Securities

We do not vote client proxies. Therefore, clients maintain exclusive responsibility for: (1) voting proxies, and (2) acting on corporate actions pertaining to the client's investment assets. The client shall instruct the client's qualified custodian to forward to the client copies of all proxies and shareholder communications relating to the client's investment assets. If the client would like our opinion on a particular proxy vote, they may contact us at the number listed on the cover of this brochure.

In most cases, you will receive proxy materials directly from the account custodian. However, in the event we were to receive any written or electronic proxy materials, we would forward them directly to you by mail, unless you have authorized our firm to contact you by electronic mail, in which case, we would forward you any electronic solicitation to vote proxies.

Item 18: Financial Information

Registered Investment Advisers are required in this Item to provide you with certain financial information or disclosures about our financial condition. We have no financial commitment that impairs our ability to meet contractual and fiduciary commitments to clients, and we have not been the subject of a bankruptcy proceeding.

We do not have custody of client funds or securities or require or solicit prepayment of more than \$500 in fees per client six months in advance.

Item 19: Requirements for State-Registered Advisers

Sean W. Mullaney

Born: 1978

Educational Background

- 2000 – BSBA. Accounting, Georgetown University
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Business Experience

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Professional Designations, Licensing & Exams

CPA (Certified Public Accountant): 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 minimum college education (typically 150 credit hours with at least a baccalaureate degree and a concentration in accounting), minimum experience levels (most states require at least one year of experience providing services that involve the use of accounting, attest, compilation, management advisory, financial advisory, tax or consulting skills, all of which must be achieved under the supervision of or verification by a CPA), and successful passage of the Uniform CPA Examination. In order to maintain a CPA license, states generally require the completion of 40 hours of continuing professional education (CPE) each year (or 80 hours over a two-year period or 120 hours over a three-year period). Additionally, all American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) members are required to follow 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.

Other Business Activities

Sean W. Mullaney is not involved with outside business activities.

Performance Based Fees

MFT is not compensated by performance-based fees.

Material Disciplinary Disclosures

No management person at Mullaney Financial & Tax, Inc. has ever been involved in an arbitration claim of any kind or been found liable in a civil, self-regulatory organization, or administrative proceeding.

Material Relationships That Management Persons Have with Issuers of Securities

Mullaney Financial & Tax, Inc., nor Sean W. Mullaney, have any relationship or arrangement with issuers of securities.

Business Continuity Plan Notice

General

Mullaney Financial & Tax, Inc. has a Business Continuity Plan in place that provides detailed steps to mitigate and recover from the loss of office space, communications, services or key people.

Disasters

The Business Continuity Plan covers natural disasters such as snow storms, hurricanes, tornados, and flooding. The Plan covers man-made disasters such as loss of electrical power, loss of water pressure, fire, bomb threat, nuclear emergency, chemical event, biological event, communications line outage, Internet outage, railway accident and aircraft accident. Electronic files are backed up daily and archived offsite.

Alternate Offices

Alternate offices are identified to support ongoing operations in the event the main office is unavailable. It is our intention to contact all clients within five days of a disaster that dictates moving our office to an alternate location.

Loss of Key Personnel

Mullaney Financial & Tax, Inc. is operated as a corporation with Sean W. Mullaney as the President and CCO. As the sole employee, the business depends fully on his capabilities. In the case of his disability, steps will be taken to determine if the business will continue and in what capacity. In the case of his death, there is no plan for continuation of the business and the business must be dissolved. At that time, clients will be notified.

Privacy Notice

FACTS

WHAT DOES MULLANEY FINANCIAL & TAX, INC. DO WITH YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION?

Why?

Registered Investment Advisers choose how they share your personal information. Federal law gives clients the right to limit some but not all sharing. Federal law also requires us to tell you how we collect, share, and protect your personal information. Please read this notice carefully to understand what we do.

What?

The types of personal information we collect, and share depend on the product or service you have with us. This information can include:

- Information you provide in the subscription documents and other forms (including name, address, social security number, date of birth, income and other financial-related information); and
- Data about your transactions with us (such as the types of investments you have made and your account status).

How?

All financial companies need to share clients' personal information to run their everyday business. In the section below, we list the reasons financial companies can share their clients' personal information; the reasons Mullaney Financial & Tax, Inc. chooses to share; and whether you can limit this sharing.

Reasons we can share your personal information

For our everyday business purposes— to process your transactions, maintain your accounts (for example we may share with our third-party service providers that perform services on our behalf or on your behalf, such as accountants, attorneys, consultants, clearing and custodial firms, and technology companies, respond to court orders and legal investigations, or report to credit bureaus.

For Marketing purposes— to offer our products and services to you

How do we protect your information?

To safeguard your personal information from unauthorized access and use, we maintain physical, procedural and electronic safeguards. These include computer safeguards such as passwords, secured files and buildings.

Our employees are advised about MFT's need to respect the confidentiality of each client's non-public personal information. We train our employees on their responsibilities.

We require third parties that assist in providing our services to you to protect the personal information they receive. This includes contractual language in our third-party agreements.

Other important information

We will send you notice of our Privacy Policy annually for as long as you maintain an ongoing relationship with us. Periodically we may revise our Privacy Policy and will provide you with a revised policy if the changes materially alter the previous Privacy Policy. We will not, however, revise our Privacy Policy to permit the sharing of non-public personal information other than as described in this notice unless we first notify you and provide you with an opportunity to prevent the information sharing.

Mullaney Financial & Tax, Inc.

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Dated January 15, 2019

Form ADV Part 2B – Brochure Supplement

For

Sean W. Mullaney

President, and Chief Compliance Officer

This brochure supplement provides information about Sean W. Mullaney that supplements the Mullaney Financial & Tax, Inc. (“MFT”) brochure. A copy of that brochure precedes this supplement. Please contact Sean W. Mullaney if the MFT brochure is not included with this supplement or if you have any questions about the contents of this supplement.

Additional information about Sean W. Mullaney is available on the SEC’s website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov which can be found using the identification number 7050416.

Item 2: Educational Background and Business Experience

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Item 3: Disciplinary Information

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Item 4: Other Business Activities

Sean W. Mullaney is not involved with outside business activities. In his CPA capacity, Sean W. Mullaney does not have signatory authority over a client's account.

Item 5: Additional Compensation

Sean W. Mullaney does not receive any compensation or economic benefit from any person, company, or organization, in exchange for providing clients advisory services through MFT.

Item 6: Supervision

Sean W. Mullaney, as President and Chief Compliance Officer of MFT, is responsible for supervision. He may be contacted at the phone number on this brochure supplement.

Item 7: Requirements for State Registered Advisers

Sean W. Mullaney has NOT been found liable in an arbitration, civil, self-regulatory, or administrative proceeding, and has not be subject of a bankruptcy petition.