

# “Ask First!”

This form is to be filled out by any person who is offering legal, financial, retirement, insurance, accounting, estate, long-term care or similar planning services. Respond to ALL categories completely; sign and date at the bottom of the page.

① **MY EDUCATION-** I have achieved the following level of education (check HIGHEST level achieved):

<input type="checkbox"/> Some High School	<input type="checkbox"/> High School Diploma	<input type="checkbox"/> Bachelors Degree
<input type="checkbox"/> GED	<input type="checkbox"/> Some College	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Masters or other Advanced Degree

② **MY CREDENTIAL(S)-** I have the following specialized credential(s) and training (examples: CFP, ChFC, CLU, CPA, JD, MBA, years of relevant experience):

CFP®; EA, Masters of Science in Taxation. Specializes in income tax planning, estate planning, retirement planning, charitable & financial planning.
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③ **MY RELEVANT LICENSE(S)-** I have the following license(s) giving me the legal authority to provide the services I am offering to you (examples: bar license (attorney); securities license; insurance license):

License Type	Covers What Activities	Issued By	License No.
CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER TM	Financial, tax, and estate planning	CFP Board of Standards	341965
Enrolled Agent	Income tax resolution	Internal Revenue Service	00144258-EA

④ **LEGAL SERVICES-** (Check ONE):

I DO NOT practice law, and the services I am offering to you do not involve practicing law.

I DO practice law, and have an active license to practice law in California.

I DO practice law, but DO NOT have an active license to practice law in California. I am, however, under the supervision of the following attorney who has an active license to practice law in California:

Name of attorney:	Telephone:
Address:	

⑤ **OUR BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP-** Check TRUE or FALSE:

True /  False: In our business relationship, I will at all times serve as a fiduciary and put your interests before my interests and those of my employer.

⑥ **MY COMPENSATION-** I will be paid in the following way (commission, fee, salary, etc.), by the named person or company, in connection with the services I am offering to you:

Way(s) I'll Be Paid	Payment Will Be Made By (name each person or company)
Assets under management, per fee schedule	The client/account holder
1% on first \$1MM, 0.8% on next \$2MM, and	
percentage decreases as asset base increases	

⑦ **FINANCIAL PRODUCTS / AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS-** Check TRUE or FALSE:

True /  False: I offer or sell annuities, insurance, mutual funds or other financial products; or I am, or my employer is, affiliated with a person or organization that offers or sells annuities, insurance, mutual funds or other financial products.

⑧ **I certify under penalty of perjury that the responses herein are true to the best of my knowledge.**

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