

## **Privacy Policy Statement**

We respect the privacy of all our clients and prospective clients; both past and present. We recognize that you have entrusted us with non-public personal information and it is important to us that all employees and clients of our firm know our policy concerning what we do with that information.

We collect personal information about our clients from the following sources:

- Information our clients provide to us to complete their financial plan or investment recommendation;
- Information our clients provide to us in agreements, account applications, and other documents completed in connection with the opening and maintenance of their accounts;
- Information our clients provide to us orally; and
- Information we may receive from service providers, such as custodians, or an affiliate about client transactions or their investments.

We may disclose nonpublic personal information about you to unaffiliated third parties in certain circumstances. For example, in order for us to provide planning or investment management services to you, we may disclose your personal information in limited circumstances to various service providers, such as your custodian or independent contractors hired by Gather Financial Planning.

Otherwise, we do not disclose non-public personal information about our clients to anyone, except in the following circumstances:

- When required to provide services our clients have requested;
- When our clients have specifically authorized us to do so in writing;
- When required during the course of a firm assessment (i.e., independent audit); or
- When permitted or required by law (i.e., periodic regulatory examination).

In the event that it is necessary to share your non-public personal information with an unaffiliated third party, we will request that you give us specific permission via a signed statement. Unless this "opt-in" statement is signed, we will not share your information with an unaffiliated third party.

Within our firm, we restrict access to client information to staff that need to know that information. All personnel and our service providers understand that everything handled in our office is confidential and they are instructed to not discuss a client's information or situation with someone else unless they are specifically authorized in writing by the client to do so. This includes providing information about a spouse's IRA or to children about a parent's account.

To ensure security and confidentiality, we maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards to protect the privacy of client information.

We will provide you with our privacy policy on an annual basis and at any time, in advance, if our policy is expected to change.