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Additional information about Mr. James is available on the SEC's website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).

### **Educational Background and Business Experience**

**Year of birth:** 1981

#### **Formal Education after High School**

BS Accounting, Christian Brothers University - Memphis, TN, 2005  
MBA, Christian Brothers University - Memphis, TN, 2007  
Certified Public Accountant, (Inactive), 2009

#### **Business Experience**

2011 to Present: SVP/Financial Consultant - Stephens Inc.  
2008 to 2011: Financial Advisor - Smith Barney Inc. through merger with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney  
2005 to 2008: Senior Auditor - Thompson Dunavant PLC

For definitions and minimum qualifications for professional designations see **Definitions and Professional Designation Qualifications** in the wrap fee program brochure (Part 2A Appendix 1 of Form ADV).

### **Disciplinary Information**

No legal or disciplinary events that would materially impact a client's evaluation of Mr. James have been identified.

### **Other Business Activities**

Stephens is dually registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as a broker dealer and as an investment adviser. Stephens is also a member of the National Futures Association ("NFA"). Stephens' investment advisory representatives ("advisory representatives") are also registered representatives of the broker dealer and in most cases have brokerage accounts assigned to them in addition to the investment advisory accounts assigned to them. Advisory representatives of Stephens may also be registered with Stephens Insurance which is an affiliated full-service insurance agency, and certain advisory representatives are also registered representatives with the CFTC. In these capacities Stephens' representatives often receive compensation for services that they provide which may include commissions, mutual fund trailer fees, sales charges, and other payments. Please see the applicable brochure for a disclosure on conflicts of interest that may result from the investment advisory representative having multiple roles.

### **Additional Compensation**

Stephens' advisory representatives receive compensation from Stephens based in substantial part on the revenues received by Stephens from the accounts serviced by the advisory representative. Under Stephens' compensation structure, if certain levels of client revenues are received by Stephens, the FC is also eligible to receive bonuses from Stephens based on the level of these client revenues. Stephens' advisory representatives do not receive compensation from outside sources on the advisory accounts that they serve as representatives of Stephens. Financial Consultants are entitled to receive compensation from Stephens for insurance business referred to affiliates.

### **Supervision**

Mr. James reports to Mr. George Sousoulas, Managing Director/Branch Manager, 888-822-2224. Supervision takes place by Mr. Sousoulas or his designee reviewing activities of Mr. James, such as reviewing trade reports, reviewing selected periodic account statements, reviewing sample communications with clients and reviewing the performance of selected accounts. Mr. James has responsibility to conform all activities to the Stephens' Compliance Manual, Code of Professional Conduct, Investment Advisory Policies and Procedures Manual and Investment Advisory Code of Ethics.