

Disclosures Regarding Awards and Recognitions Granted to Professionals at Crestwood Advisors Group, LLC

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Please see below for a more detailed description of the criteria used with respect to the awards and recognitions granted to Crestwood's individual professionals.

Boston Magazine FIVE STAR Wealth Manager Award: Award candidates are identified by one of three sources: firm nomination, peer nomination or pre-qualification based on industry standing. Self-nominations are not accepted. Wealth managers do not pay a fee to be considered or awarded. The Five Star Wealth Manager award, administered by Crescendo Business Services, LLC (dba Five Star Professional), is based on 10 objective criteria.

Eligibility Criteria – required

- 1. Credentialed as a registered investment adviser or a registered investment adviser representative;
- 2. Active as a credentialed professional in the financial services industry for a minimum of 5 years;
- 3. Favorable regulatory and complaint history review (As defined by Five Star Professional, the wealth manager has not: A. Been subject to a regulatory action that resulted in a license being suspended or revoked, or payment of a fine; B. Had more than a total of three customer complaints filed against them [settled or pending] with any regulatory authority or Five Star Professional's consumer complaint process. Unfavorable feedback may have been discovered through a check of complaints registered with a regulatory authority or complaints registered through Five Star Professional's consumer complaint process; feedback may not be representative of any one client's experience; C. Individually contributed to a financial settlement of a customer complaint filed with a regulatory authority; D. Filed for personal bankruptcy; E. Been convicted of a felony);
- 4. Fulfilled their firm review based on internal standards;
- 5. Accepting new clients.

Evaluation criteria – considered:

- 6. One-year client retention rate;
- 7. Five-year client retention rate;
- 8. Non-institutional discretionary and/or non-discretionary client assets administered;
- 9. Number of client households served;
- 10. Education and professional designations.

In 2017, 2,467 Boston wealth managers were considered for the award; 626 (26 percent of candidates) were named 2017 Five Star Wealth Managers.

For more information, please see www.fivestarprofessional.com.