

Comparison Checklist

Current
Advisor

ME

Background

- has extensive experience in this business
- has an impeccable record with the SEC or FINRA
- has the capacity to give me timely personal service
- works with a highly rated firm

Expertise

- understands global economic issues
- has expertise in tax strategies
- has expertise in retirement planning
- has expertise in estate planning
- has expertise in insurance
- has expertise in cash flow management
- has expertise in alternative investment strategies
- is Certified Financial Planner (CFP)

Character

- is on time
- is responsive
- communicates problems promptly and frankly
- accepts responsibility
- consistently does what is promised, when promised
- educates me
- puts my financial well-being above fees
- demonstrates integrity
- creates the appropriate feeling of trust

Communication

- communicates often enough
- provides relevant information
- clearly explains the strategy for my investments
- clearly explains how my investments have performed
- provides appropriate choices for me
- knows my complete financial picture

Process

- has reviewed or prepared my cash flow projection
- consults with my professional advisors in other disciplines
- works within a collaborative capable team
- adequately determines my changing needs
- provides an understandable investment policy statement
- resolves problems immediately and effectively
- effectively monitors and rebalances my portfolio

My Results

- I know what I own.
- I know how much I pay in fees.
- I understand the various risks in my portfolio.
- I am comfortable with all of these risks I am currently taking.
- I would recommend this advisor to a friend, colleague, or relative.
- I would transfer additional funds to this advisor.