

Building a Tax and Financial Planning Advisory Business: Panel Practice Profiles

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| Jean-Luc Bourdon 2006 Lucent Wealth Planning, LLC Santa Barbara, CA | Wealth management services including comprehensive planning and investment management Occasional standalone financial planning and segmented engagements | Affiliated with BAM Advisor Services which provides back office services, compliance support, practice management support, training and access to expertise across wealth management services Serves "millionaire next door" clients Passive investment philosophy Custody at Schwab and Fidelity. | Fee-only model Charge on AUM Occasionally charge hourly for some financial planning engagements | Solo practitioner Outsources back office support, technology, research, practice aid, education to turnkey asset management provider (TAMP - BAM Advisor Services) |
| Dirk Edwards 1979 Edwards Consulting LLC Lake Oswego, OR | Financial Planning & Cash Flow Management Retirement Planning Estate & Wealth Planning Charitable giving & private foundations Insurance and Survivor Needs College and Dependent Funding Life planning Tax compliance (for planning clients only) Trustee services | Serves high net worth individuals and families across the U.S. and globally Clients are primarily business owners, CEOs, or suddenly wealthy from financial windfall No AUM, no AUA and no product sales | Fee-only fixed project fee Value-based billing | Sole proprietor |

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| Michael Goodman 1996 Wealthstream Advisors, Inc. New York, NY | Financial Planning & Cash Flow Management Retirement Planning Estate & Wealth Planning Compensation and Benefit Consulting Insurance and Survivor Needs College and Dependent Funding Investment Advisory Niche; Financial & Corporate Executives; Divorcees and Widows | Quit job at Big Four and started financial planning/investment advisor practice from scratch Managed assets custodied via Fidelity, Schwab and TD Ameritrade | AUM based fees Occasional retainer and hourly fees | 13 total 7 advisors 2 analysts 4 operations |
| Brooke Salvini 2006 Salvini Financial Planning Avila Beach, CA | Collaborative Financial Planning Investment advisory Small number of tax preparation clients | No net worth minimums Average client net worth of \$2 - \$5M RIA registered in CA Mutual Funds and ETFs TDAmeritrade Institutional Vanguard for clients with retail accounts | Fee-Only, Hourly, fixed project fee, retainer Most financial plans \$3,500 - \$4,700 Annual financial check up \$1,500 - 2,350 Quarterly investment monitoring | Executive Assistant and Paraplanner |

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| 1998 Blue Ocean Strategic Capital, LLC Syracuse, NY | Comprehensive or segmented planning Asset management Outsources insurance needs Outsources Legal | First merged tax practice into larger firm and started the RIA;RIA was owned by the partners of the CPA firm (did not work) Now has own SEC registered RIA 80-85% clients choose firm because of fee-only model | Financial planning fixed fee (\$1k - 3k) Usually leads to management of assets and related fees | 8 total Ted, CPA/PFS CPA/PFS (handles most trading, billing, monitoring of investments, models and assist with investment research) CFP semi-retired handles client relationships and insurance questions MBA (helps with research, does all marketing, social media and website updates) CPA – accounting and para-planner 2 administrative assistants |
| Dave Stolz 1998 Stolz & Associates, P.S. Tacoma, WA | Tax Compliance (provided for planning or IA clients) Investment Consulting and Management Retirement Planning Financial Planning Cash Flow | Left a local CPA firm to focus on financial planning with clients Financial planning engagements are typically retirement planning with couples, and women coming out of long-term marriages Initial meetings are no charge so both parties can interview each other. Average client has 1M invested with us | Fee only Tax compliance billed hourly or fixed fee RIA fees based on AUM Have outside relationships to assist with insurance etc. | Previously 3 people, recently added a 4th Staff size is maintained with strong outsource partners |

Scott Sprinkle



1994 Sprinkle &

Associates LLC

and

Sprinkle Financial Consultants LLC

Littleton, CO

- Tax Compliance (provided only for planning or IA)
- Investment Consultation and Management
- Family Office Practice
- Financial Planning & Cash Flow Management
- Retirement Planning
- Estate & Wealth Planning
- Compensation and Benefit Consulting
- Insurance and Survivor Needs
- College and Dependent Funding

- Multi-Tiered Practice
- Started as family office (most families have Investable Net Worth over \$50 million)
- Corporate executives and closely held business' (investable net worth \$2M to \$20M)
- CPA firm and RIA (SEC registered) are sister companies
- Managed assets mostly custodied via Schwab
- Family office assets mostly held via bank trust dept
- Selective on new clients, interview before come in

- Fee only
- CPA firm bills hourly or on fixed fee arrangements
- RIA AUM fees and fixed fees (no minimums – however, accounts under \$1 million on exception basis)
- 10 total
- 3 principles are X Big 4/8
- 5 CPAs
- Full-time bookkeeper
- Part-time staff during tax season

Susan Tillery



Paraklete® Financial, Inc.

2005

Kennesaw, GA

- Integrated Personal Financial Planning
- Tax Planning
- No tax compliance
- Asset Protection Planning
- Estate Planning
- Retirement Planning
- Cash Flow Planning
- Elder Planning
- Business Planning and Succession Planning
- Education planning
- Charitable and gift planning
- Compensation planning

- Integrated Financial Planning with Family Office Umbrella
- No AUM, no AUA and no product sales
- Multi State RIA
- Manage and collaborate with client's other advisors
- Business Model may be implemented virtually or inside a CPA Firm
- Each client receives a financial planning website & document storage website
- No minimums
- Niche clients:
 Business owners
 and C Suite
 Executives

- Fee for Service
- Annual Retainer
- Hourly Retainer-3% of clients
- Fee range \$6k-\$150k
- Fee decreases to one-third of the first-year fee for most renewals

- 1 CPA/PFS planner
- 1 CFP^(R) planner
- 1 Client Service Manager
- 1 part-time assistant