

AR Section 9600

Reporting on Personal Financial Statements Included in Written Personal Financial Plans: Accounting and Review Services Interpretation of Section 600

1. Submitting a Personal Financial Plan to a Client's Advisers

.01 Question—Paragraph .03 of section 600, *Reporting on Personal Financial Statements Included in Written Personal Financial Plans*, states that an accountant may submit a written personal financial plan containing unaudited personal financial statements to a client without complying with the requirements of section 80, *Compilation of Financial Statements*, when, among other conditions, the accountant establishes an understanding with the client that the financial statements will be used solely to assist the client and the client's advisers to develop the client's personal financial goals and objectives. Does developing the client's personal financial goals and objectives encompass implementing the personal financial plan by the client or the client's advisers?

.02 Interpretation—Yes. Developing a client's personal financial goals and objectives includes implementing the personal financial plan by the client or the client's advisers because implementing the plan may be considered the culmination of the process of developing personal financial goals and objectives. Therefore, an accountant may submit a written personal financial plan containing unaudited personal financial statements to a client, to be used by the client or the client's advisers to implement the personal financial plan, without complying with the requirements of section 80, provided the conditions in paragraph .03 of section 600 exist.

.03 Examples of implementation of a personal financial plan by the client's advisers include use of the plan by

- an insurance broker who will identify specific insurance products.
- an investment adviser who will provide specific recommendations about the investment portfolio.
- an attorney who will draft a will or trust documents.

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