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*Additional information about Scott William Simons is also available on the SEC's website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).*

## **Ridgeline Wealth Planning LLC**

Form ADV Part 2B – Individual Disclosure Brochure

*for*

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## Item 2: Educational Background and Business Experience

**Name:** Scott William Simons      **Born:** 1978

### **Educational Background and Professional Designations:**

#### **Education:**

Bachelor of Arts Organizational Communications, Cedarville University - 2001

#### **Designations:**

##### **CFP® - Certified Financial Planner**

The CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™, CFP® and federally registered CFP (with flame design) marks (collectively, the “CFP® marks”) are professional certification marks granted in the United States by Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc. (“CFP Board”).

The CFP® certification is a voluntary certification; no federal or state law or regulation requires financial planners to hold CFP® certification. It is recognized in the United States and a number of other countries for its (1) high standard of professional education; (2) stringent code of conduct and standards of practice; and (3) ethical requirements that govern professional engagements with clients.

To attain the right to use the CFP® marks, an individual must satisfactorily fulfill the following requirements:

- Education – Complete an advanced college-level course of study addressing the financial planning subject areas that CFP Board’s studies have determined as necessary for the competent and professional delivery of financial planning services, and attain a Bachelor’s Degree from a regionally accredited United States college or university (or its equivalent from a foreign university). CFP Board’s financial planning subject areas include insurance planning and risk management, employee benefits planning, investment planning, income tax planning, retirement planning, and estate planning;
- Examination – Pass the comprehensive CFP® Certification Examination. The examination includes case studies and client scenarios designed to test one’s ability to correctly diagnose financial planning issues and apply one’s knowledge of financial planning to real world circumstances;
- Experience – Complete at least three years of full-time financial planning-related experience (or the equivalent, measured as 2,000 hours per year); and
- Ethics – Agree to be bound by CFP Board’s *Standards of Professional Conduct*, a set of documents outlining the ethical and practice standards for CFP® professionals.

Individuals who become certified must complete the following ongoing education and ethics requirements in order to maintain the right to continue to use the CFP® marks:

- i. Continuing Education – Complete 30 hours of continuing education hours every two years, including two hours on the *Code of Ethics* and other parts of the *Standards of Professional Conduct*, to maintain competence and keep up with developments in the financial planning field; and
- ii. Ethics – Renew an agreement to be bound by the *Standards of Professional Conduct*. The Standards prominently require that CFP® professionals provide financial planning services at a fiduciary standard of care. This means CFP® professionals must provide financial planning services in the best interests of their clients.

CFP® professionals who fail to comply with the above standards and requirements may be subject to CFP Board’s enforcement process, which could result in suspension or permanent revocation of their CFP® certification.

### **Business Background:**

07/2020 - Present	Managing Principal & Chief Compliance Officer Ridgeline Wealth Planning LLC
04/2006 - 10/2020	Investment Adviser Financial Counseling, Inc.
12/2002 – 03/2006	Banker Fifth Third Bank

### **Item 3: Disciplinary Information**

There are no legal or disciplinary events such as criminal or civil actions; administrative or self-regulatory organization proceedings; or any other hearing or formal adjudication regarding a professional attainment, designation, or license that are material to a client’s or prospective client’s evaluation of this advisory business.

### **Item 4: Other Business Activities**

Scott William Simons is not engaged in any investment-related business or occupation (other than this advisory firm).

### **Item 5: Additional Compensation**

Scott William Simons does not receive any economic benefit from any person, company, or organization, other than Ridgeline Wealth Planning LLC in exchange for providing clients advisory services through Ridgeline Wealth Planning LLC.

## **Item 6: Supervision**

As the Chief Compliance Officer of Ridgeline Wealth Planning LLC, Scott William Simons supervises all activities of the firm. Scott William Simons's contact information is on the cover page of this disclosure document. Scott William Simons adheres to applicable regulatory requirements, together with all policies and procedures outlined in the firm's code of ethics and compliance manual.