UNDERSTANDING ADVISORY AND BROKERAGE RELATIONSHIPS AT JANNEY

Janney and your Janney Financial Advisor are committed to delivering the highest quality advice and services to clients, and to making recommendations that are in your best interests. One such fundamental recommendation is whether to choose a brokerage relationship, an investment advisory relationship, or a combination of both. These important decisions are driven by your goals, needs and preferences, and the costs associated with those services.

BROKERAGE OR ADVISORY RELATIONSHIPS: UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENCES

Which type of investment relationship is in your best interest? It’s important to first understand the differences. Janney is registered as a broker-dealer and an investment adviser, which means that we can offer you both types of relationships. Your Financial Advisor will provide you with advice and recommend an approach that best meets your needs, goals and preferences.

Brokerage relationships

Brokerage relationships are more transactional in nature. Each time you decide to buy or sell securities within your account, you incur transaction costs commonly referred to as commissions. There is no ongoing monitoring of a brokerage account, although your Financial Advisor may generally review the holdings in your account when providing a recommendation to you. Janney provides custody of your assets, and executes securities transactions on your behalf.

Your Janney Financial Advisor will make recommendations that are in your particular best interest based on your investment profile and that the potential risks, rewards, and costs associated with the recommendation.

Advisory relationships

An advisory relationship offers you a more holistic relationship where Janney and your Financial Advisor are held to a fiduciary duty of care, which requires us to:

- Act with utmost care and good faith toward you
- Seek best execution of transactions for you
- Avoid or disclose material conflicts of interest

Rather than paying commissions for each transaction, you pay an asset-based fee which include the delivery of advice and guidance, a defined investment strategy, as well as active monitoring of your investments. Advisory accounts are commonly referred to as “fee-based” relationships.

Guidelines for using brokerage and advisory relationships

While there are no absolutes when it comes to deciding whether a brokerage or advisory relationship best meets your needs, the complexity of your financial circumstances and your goals will help determine the optimal fit. In fact, rather than choosing one or the other, many clients engage us in both—apportioning assets intended for different purposes into different relationships.

For instance, perhaps you’re planning to buy a new home in the near future and want to keep a portion of your assets liquid. In that scenario, it may be in your best interest to hold those designated assets in a brokerage account. However, you may wish to hold the lion’s share of your assets that are earmarked for retirement and/or legacy purposes in an advisory account where you will be able to benefit from active guidance and oversight.

Your Investment Profile:

- Your age
- Assets/investments
- Financial situation and needs
- Tax status
- Investment objective
- Investment experience
- Investment time horizon
- Liquidity needs
- Risk tolerance
Janney’s financial planning services are offered as an advisory service, where your Financial Advisor is held to a fiduciary standard of care in developing a plan to help you achieve the outcomes you desire, given your goals and circumstances.

When implementing your financial plan, you may invest through an advisory or brokerage account, or a combination of both.

**COMMON CONSIDERATIONS WHEN CHOOSING AN ADVISORY OR BROKERAGE RELATIONSHIP**

The following offers a quick glance into a few typical scenarios where either a brokerage or advisory relationship might be considered:

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**OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU**

No matter which type of relationship you choose, we must act in your best interest and not place our interests ahead of yours when we recommend an investment or an investment strategy. Any conflicts that may arise are fully disclosed to you, and you will have access to information about any costs you may incur before you make any financial decisions.

**FINANCIAL PLANNING — THE FOUNDATION TO HELPING YOU ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS**

Whichever account type(s) you choose to maintain, we believe that decisions about any financial transaction should be anchored in your long-term financial plan, so that your goals, objectives, priorities and financial circumstances inform investment decision making. Your Janney Financial Advisor will recommend what is in your best interest based on your circumstances, as you make financial decisions to help achieve your long-term goals.

**NEXT STEPS**

Take the next step and discuss your goals, needs and circumstances that will shape your future with your Financial Advisor. They will help you create or update a plan to help get you there.

Want to learn more? See Janney’s Relationship Summary

Janney’s Client Relationship Summary (Form CRS), found on www.janney.com/crs, is a brief, easy-to-understand summary of the services Janney offers, fees you will typically pay depending on the type of services you use, our obligations when making recommendations to you, and how Janney and Financial Advisors are compensated.

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