

*This brochure supplement provides information about Austin Erwin Rinard that supplements the Wealth Ease Wealth Management LLC brochure. You should have received a copy of that brochure. Please contact Austin Erwin Rinard if you did not receive Wealth Ease Wealth Management LLC's brochure or if you have any questions about the contents of this supplement.*

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

# **Wealth Ease Wealth Management LLC**

## **Form ADV Part 2B – Individual Disclosure Brochure**

*for*

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## Item 2: Educational Background and Business Experience

**Name:** Austin Erwin Rinard      **Born:** 1989

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

#### **Education:**

BBA Finance, Northwood University - 2012

#### **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.

#### AIF® - Accredited Investment Fiduciary®

- The AIF designation, awarded by the Center for Fiduciary Studies, an fi360 company, demonstrates the focus on all the components of a comprehensive investment process, related fiduciary standards of care, and commitment to excellence.
- AIF designees must complete 6 steps to earn the designation: 1. submit registration and fee; 2. successfully complete a specialized program on investment fiduciary standards of care; 3. pass a comprehensive examination; 4. upon passing, submit the accreditation application and fee; 5. complete annual continuing educational requirements; 6. pledge to abide by the designation's code of ethics.

#### **Business Background:**

01/2025- Present	Managing Member and Chief Compliance Officer Wealth Ease Wealth Management LLC
05/2012 – 01/2025	Investment Advisor Representative Miller Financial Services

### **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**

Austin E Rinard is an independent licensed insurance agent. This activity creates a conflict of interest since there is an incentive to recommend insurance products based on commissions or other benefits received from the insurance company, rather than on the client’s needs. Additionally, the offer and sale of insurance products by supervised persons of Wealth Ease

Wealth Management LLC are not made in their capacity as a fiduciary, and products are limited to only those offered by certain insurance providers. Wealth Ease Wealth Management LLC addresses this conflict of interest by requiring its supervised persons to act in the best interest of the client at all times, including when acting as an insurance agent. Wealth Ease Wealth Management LLC periodically reviews recommendations by its supervised persons to assess whether they are based on an objective evaluation of each client's risk profile and investment objectives rather than on the receipt of any commissions or other benefits. Wealth Ease Wealth Management LLC will disclose in advance how it or its supervised persons are compensated and will disclose conflicts of interest involving any advice or service provided. At no time will there be tying between business practices and/or services (a condition where a client or prospective client would be required to accept one product or service conditioned upon the selection of a second, distinctive tied product or service). No client is ever under any obligation to purchase any insurance product. Insurance products recommended by Wealth Ease Wealth Management LLC's supervised persons may also be available from other providers on more favorable terms, and clients can purchase insurance products recommended through other unaffiliated insurance agencies.

Austin E Rinard is an investment adviser representative with another investment advisory firm. From time to time, he may offer clients advice or products from those activities and clients should be aware that these services may involve a conflict of interest. Wealth Ease Wealth Management LLC always acts in the best interest of the client and clients always have the right to decide whether or not to utilize the services of any Wealth Ease Wealth Management LLC representative in such individual's outside capacities.

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

Austin Erwin Rinard does not receive any economic benefit from any person, company, or organization, other than Wealth Ease Wealth Management LLC in exchange for providing clients advisory services through Wealth Ease Wealth Management LLC.

### **Item 6: Supervision**

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

## Item 7: Requirements For State Registered Advisers

*This disclosure is required by state securities authorities and is provided for your use in evaluating this investment advisor representative's suitability.*

A. Austin Erwin Rinard has NOT been involved in any of the events listed below.

1. An award or otherwise being found liable in an arbitration claim alleging damages in excess of \$2,500, involving any of the following:
  - a) an investment or an investment-related business or activity;
  - b) fraud, false statement(s), or omissions;
  - c) theft, embezzlement, or other wrongful taking of property;
  - d) bribery, forgery, counterfeiting, or extortion; or
  - e) dishonest, unfair, or unethical practices.
  
2. An award or otherwise being found liable in a civil, self-regulatory organization, or administrative proceeding involving any of the following:
  - a) an investment or an investment-related business or activity;
  - b) fraud, false statement(s), or omissions;
  - c) theft, embezzlement, or other wrongful taking of property;
  - d) bribery, forgery, counterfeiting, or extortion; or
  - e) dishonest, unfair, or unethical practices.

B. Austin Erwin Rinard has NOT been the subject of a bankruptcy.