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Value Statement

Bennon & Thorpe LLC is a private, independent financial services firm specializing in lifestyle, wealth, and risk management for individuals and families. We provide comprehensive financial planning strategies for retirees, physicians, engineers, and small business owners, among others. Through a long-term collaborative planning approach we help structure pragmatic solutions for our clients in today's challenging environment.

Career

After spending six months working in China after college in 1999, I directed my professional aspirations toward financial planning. I formally began my career in 2000, initially working in the capacity of a paraplanner for a group of veteran advisors in Parkersburg, WV and Marietta, OH, during which time I gained experience with pragmatic planning techniques and the application of complicated financial plans. This period of time also allowed me to study investor biases and other irrational behaviors, which continues to be an interest of mine. In 2006 I advanced to the role of a lead advisor with Future Focus Advisors, Inc., which later became Bennon & Thorpe, LLC. My financial plan anticipates that I will retire as a Financial Advisor in January of 2043.

Education

- Marietta College (1999), Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, cum laude, with recognition as a McDonough Scholar by the McDonough Center for Leadership and Business.
- FINRA Series 6, 7, 26, 63, and 65 licenses
- Insurance licenses for Life, Health, Disability, Long-Term Care
- License for Fixed and Variable Annuities

Organizations and Affiliations

- Member, Financial Planning Association
- Member, Society of Financial Service Professionals
- Member, Mid-Ohio Valley Estate Planning Council
- Qualifying Member, Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT)
- Trustee, Parkersburg Art Center

$Personal\ Information$

Outside of the office, I enjoy endurance athletics (trail running, road cycling, mountain biking, and occasionally cross-country skiing). I am active in the Mid-Ohio Valley athletic organizations, and volunteer as an official at local school Track meets. Since 2010 I have been serving as a Trustee of the Parkersburg Art Center, with a dual focus on the organization's financials and physical infrastructure. On days when I manage some free time, I enjoy refurbishing neglected houses and playing in the dirt.

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